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Israeli authorities adamant on seizure

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

With pressure mounting on Israel to release Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid to avoid more executions of Western hostages by Shiite extremists, the defence establishment is adamant it acted in the only way open to it to secure the return of Israeli soldiers held hostage in Lebanon.

The sole motive behind the abduction of Obeid was to use him as a bargaining chip for the three Israeli soldiers believed held by Hezbollah — Rahamim Alsheikh, Yossi Fink, and Ron Arad.

Three-and-a-half years have passed since Alsheikh and Fink were kidnapped in an ambush in the south Lebanon security zone. During that time the defence establishment has made every effort to bring about their release through peaceful means. Contacts were attempted directly, through third parties, and through a variety of organizations, including the Red Cross. The aims were minimal.

Before even attempting to negotiate, Israel wanted some confirmation that the missing men were alive and well, some indication of who it was that was holding them. Nevertheless, it is firm Israeli military policy that, in the absence of proof to the contrary, all hostages are considered to be alive.

Last December, Israel's patience ran out. Diplomatic channels had been exhausted. Shiite leader Jawad Kasfi was captured in the hope that he could be used to entice Hezbollah to deal. But the move failed, and he is still being held. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin included his name when he proposed a prisoner exchange.

After its failure to lure Hezbollah with Kasfi, Israel launched an intensive intelligence-gathering effort to find a target Hezbollah could not resist, and to find the means for a military unit to reach that target with total surprise.

As in any military operation, all the risks were weighed. Possible "morning after" scenarios in which hostages were killed were also taken into account. And, as in any military operation, no foreign power was consulted.

In the wake of Obeid's abduction and interrogation, he has emerged as an even central figure in Hezbollah than first thought. Despite his religious background, he was personally involved in operational aspects of Hezbollah's activities, including the abduction of Fink and Alsheikh. It was in his house that Col. William Higgins' abduction was planned.

The Israeli defence establishment is convinced that it has delivered its message clearly, and it intends to stand behind it. It has no new initiatives planned to alter the terms of its offer. It knows it is now involved in a war of nerves, and will use what weapons it has at its disposal as the war progresses.

However, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in a dispatch from Tel Aviv, reports senior Israeli officials as charging that Israel made a serious error when it publicly acknowledged its responsibility for the capture of Obeid and his two aides.

Israeli newspapers quoted unnamed government officials as saying that the public announcement that Israel was behind Obeid's abduction may have been both responsible for escalating

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Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin (second from right) [illegible] Jewish Congress officials (from left) executive director Jack Silverstone, executive committee chairman Moshe Ronen and president Les Scheininger. The CJC delegation met with several high-ranking government officials during a week-long visit.

Meetings with top officials

Israel hosts CJC delegation

By PAUL LUNGEN

TEL AVIV —

A 4-person delegation from Canadian Jewish Congress concluded a round of talks with top Israeli leaders last week, in which Foreign Minister Moshe Arens criticized Canada for not giving "whole-hearted support" for Israel's peace initiative.

Arens told the Congress representatives he will seek that support and discuss Canada's position regarding Mideast peace moves when he meets External Affairs Minister Joe Clark at the United Nations in September. Canada will chair the UN Security Council this fall.

In a telephone interview from Tel Aviv, CJC President Les Scheininger said the delegation also met with a number of leading Palestinians, "where we again indicated our strong support for the peace initiative and how important it is for them to take up the initiative." They now have a "window of opportunity" that should not be lost, he said.

Scheininger, along with Moshe Ronen, chairman of the national executive committee, Goldie Hershon, chairman of the Quebec Region, and Jack Silverstone, Congress' national executive director, also met with Faisal Husseini, a Palestinian from the territories who has been involved in talks with Israel over the unity government's election plan. Also at the meeting were Dr. Mamouh El-Aker, Dr. Hanan Michail Ashrawy and Riyad Maki.

Scheininger said the Palestinians made it clear their first point was the recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization as Israel's bargaining partner. They also said they favored Palestinian negotiators who would be "selected," and not "elected," which could include Palestinians from outside the territories.

The Palestinians also indicated they wanted to know where the negotiations were leading — in other words, that a Palestinian state would result, Scheininger said. The Congress leaders expressed disappointment with Palestinian "insistence upon setting the results of negotiations in advance of a first step towards such talks."

In other developments, the delegation met with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, but had the meeting interrupted on a number of occasions as he was briefed on developments during the Lebanon hostage crisis. A deadline for the threatened murder of American hostage Joseph Cicippio passed during the meeting, and Rabin, who headed Israel's "crisis team" appeared "quite weary," Scheininger said.

The minister took a different position on peace proposals than fellow Labor MK, Finance Minister Shimon Peres, Scheininger said. Peres had indicated he favored the concept of a selected Arab delegation that could include Palestinians from outside the territories in preliminary negotiations, while Rabin was "very strong that the

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Dovish Labor MK target for Likud

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Palestinians and Israelis have come under fire for their meetings with one another, underlining the obstacles that await any future negotiations on a more formal basis.

The Likud Knesset faction announced last week that it would take legislative steps enabling Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to fire Deputy Prime Minister Yossi Beilin for his contacts with supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In addition to previous contacts with West Bank Palestinian leaders, Beilin organized a meeting recently between dovish members of the Labor Party and Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini.

Likud charged that beyond such meetings, Beilin is actually serving as Vice-Premier Shimon Peres' envoy to the PLO.

Faisal Husseini

Also, a Palestinian leader said he would not be intimidated by the death threats he has received from Palestinian radicals who oppose his taking part recently in talks with Shamir.

Graffiti smeared on street walls in Ramallah threaten lawyer Jamil Tarifi with death for his contacts with Israeli leaders.

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Peterson names Offer Ont. solicitor general

TORONTO —

Mississauga North MPP Steven Offer has moved from the back benches of the Ontario Legislature to a portfolio that has proved a minefield for the past two incumbents.

Offer, a lawyer, was named Ontario solicitor general in last week's cabinet shakeup of the Peterson government.

He follows in the footsteps of Joan Smith, who resigned after revelations she intervened in a police investigation on behalf of a friend's son, and Ken Keyes, who resigned after police investigated reports of drinking on board an OPP boat.

But for the 39-year-old Offer, last Wednesday's appointment and swearing-in ceremony was a day to savor and his excitement was almost palpable, even over the telephone lines.

"It's a very memorable day for myself and my family," he told The CJN.

Offer, who was first elected to the Legislature in 1985 when the Liberals broke a 43-year Tory stranglehold in Ontario government, has served as parliamentary assistant to the attorney general since September 1987. Prior to that, he worked as parliamentary assistant to the minister of consumer and commercial relations and financial institutions from 1985-87.

He also served as chairman of the Ontario Advisory Committee on Liquor Regulations.

He was untainted by the Patti Starr affair, in which the former fund raiser for the National Council of Jewish Women (Toronto Section), channelled charitable funds to politicians' campaigns.

Steven Offer

When first elected in 1985, he said, "I only hoped to be able to be successful in representing the people of Mississauga North."

With last week's appointment, his agenda has expanded and Offer said he will take advantage of the time before the Legislature reconvenes in October to discuss and get a grip on the key issues facing his ministry.

"I will sit down and listen to the police commission, the OPP (Ontario Provincial Police) and citizens groups" to get an idea regarding their "sensitivities" to the issues ahead, he said.

Among the hot issues facing him is implementation of a new Police Act and discussion of the role of race relations in the makeup of the police force.

Circumstances under which police can conduct chases of fleeing suspects is another hot item he will likely have to address.

Offer said he planned to use the time ahead to "have officials brief myself on the issues of concern.

"I am looking forward to this challenge and meeting the issues," he said. "I hope and trust (to show) a degree of sensitivity to the police force and the communities."

In other cabinet moves, Housing Minister Chaviva Hosek was replaced in the controversial portfolio by John Sweeney. Monte Kwinter retained his ministry of industry, trade and technology and Elinor Caplan remains minister of health. – P.L.

World-National

Fiery passion moved John Hirsch

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

At first glance, John Hirsch — a one-time import from Winnipeg — was just another of the many Jews who left the prairies to make it in the big town. And now that he is dead, much of the emphasis the media gave to his career was placed on things that did not touch the real core of this gifted man.

Rabbi Plaut

We all live on two plains: one that is visible to everyone, and one that belongs to the realm of self and soul. We can always recall the former when we speak of someone, and rarely the latter. So it was with John Hirsch.

The media dealt only with the landmarks of his life. To be sure, they were impressive enough. There was the young immigrant from Hungary who could not speak a word of English, yet got the highest marks in English when he graduated from the University of Manitoba. There was his penchant for the arts: the writer of plays, the poet, the painter and stage-designer, and above all, his love for the theatre. Amateur productions were followed by semi-pro ventures and, in time, by the founding of the first regional theatre, the Manitoba Theatre Centre.

Onward and upward

From there, the trek to Toronto led him to national prominence: Stratford, where in the '60s he was an associate director and in the '80s its full-fledged head; CBC, where he was for years in charge of dramatic productions, teaching posts at Yale and Southern Methodist University; and guest director in many lands, including Israel, where he produced Chekhov's The Seagulls at the Habimah in Tel Aviv. All the world was his stage, and the Order of Canada acknowledged his stature.

At 59, he died of a form of meningitis which, as the media pointed out time and again, was AIDS-related. They could not let him depart this life without dwelling on the nature of his death, that is to say, on his private life style. I am not sure what this continued emphasis was meant to convey. Was it a moral judgment designed to take him down a peg or two? Or was it to point up that the disease ravages the unknown as well as the famous, like a Rock Hudson and John Hirsch? Or did it signify nothing, in that it was merely an implicit recognition that AIDS has now assumed epidemic proportions and strikes everywhere and anywhere?

Whatever the reason, the cold footnote said nothing about the need for compassion and understanding, for education, and for an end to prejudice and mindless fear.

And the media only hinted at the inner man behind the black beard, who rose to the heights of his craft because he was possessed by a deep passion fuelled by a vision of excellence. He was hard on himself and on others, he wanted the best. Whence came this drive?

I see it linked to the trauma of his childhood, which he once described as "the bottom of human existence": the young boy, thrust into the Budapest ghetto by the Nazis, orphaned at 14 when his parents were murdered; alone in the world but for a cousin, surviving somehow, then, after the War, dwelling in a camp for displaced persons in Germany, and finally, the chance to start life anew in Canada. Why Winnipeg? According to Michael Schonberg it happened when during the trip across the ocean Hirsch was shown a map of Canada. I want to go there, he said. It's right in the middle of the country and probably the safest place to be. It became that indeed, when the Shack family adopted him.

Although Hirsch was not part of structured Jewish life he was always part of his people. Perhaps nowhere did this become more evident than when he produced The Dybbuk — dealing with the demons he himself had known.

He wrote a poem once, entitled "On the anniversary of my escape." It ends with these words: A traveller will be I, / a transient among people / who still believe in prayers, / rightness, dogmas, and both / Heaven and Hell.

Jews also in van of political liberalization

Yiddishkeit growing in Lithuania

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Jewish religious and cultural life is reviving in Lithuania among its approximately 10,000 Jews and some of them are taking a prominent part in the astonishing political changes taking place as a result of perestroika, a leading Lithuanian reform leader has reported here.

Vytautas Landsbergis, who is president of the Lithuanian Reform Movement, Sajudis, said Jews within that organization are "strongly supporting Lithuania's rebirth," noting one of the 35 members of its executive committee is Emanuel Zingerius, a Yiddish-speaking activist in his early thirties.

Zingerius, who is chairman of the country's Jewish Cultural Society, was engaged in an intensive course in Jewish studies at Columbia University in mid-July under the sponsorship of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York.

Another member of Sanjudis, Landsbergis said, is "the prominent Jewish writer," novelist Gregory Kanovius (Kanovich). He is author of Candles in the Wind, which concerns Jewish experiences. Kanovius is a member of Lithuania's National Assembly of People's Deputies. His son, Dmitri, is a businessman in Toronto.

Met the press

Landsbergis was interviewed at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace where he gave a news conference. Charles Maynes, editor of the endowment's Foreign Policy magazine and a former assistant secretary of state, introduced him as head of the largest reform organization in Lithuania.

While in Washington, Landsbergis visited the Lithuanian embassy that has been functioning here since 1940 — the United States never having recognized the Soviet absorption of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in World War Two. He also met with Congressmen and Bush administration officials to explain his movement's goals.

Landsbergis, a member of the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies, said the movement is not a political party but a force to unify elements among Lithuanians working for independence, including the country's Communist Party. The movement's national assembly — Seimas — adopted a declaration on restoration of Lithuanian statehood at its fifth session in Vilnius on June 18.

While Jews numbered about 7% of the population, some 225,000 in Lithuania's general population prior to World War Two — perhaps 1,500 remain. The large majority of Lithuania's Jews today are immigrants from other areas of the Soviet Union, Landsbergis said. "Statistically we see them all as one," he said.

"We're glad there is a Jewish presence in Lithuania," he said. "We like them." They are engaged in the full spectrum of Lithuanian life — from intellectuals to workers in factories. Many have been more highly educated than Lithuanians, he said. In small towns Jews have become integrated to the point that they speak the local dialects.

Landsbergis said he believed there was no anti-semitism in his country. "We watch and empathize with the plight of Soviet Jews," he added. "That explains why Russian Jews are coming to Lithuania."

Lithuania had a miserable record during the German occupation in World War Two. Many Lithuanians joined the Nazi forces and served in the death camps.

Before World War Two, the 55,000 Jews in Vilnius constituted 28% of its general population. For generations, Jewish institutions there produced many of Jewry's outstanding scholars. In 1941, the Jewish population increased to 80,000 as refugees from other areas came seeking refuge in the city. Only several months after Nazis entered Vilnius they put 35,000 Jews to death. By September of that year, the remaining Jews were interned in two ghettos and then transferred to death camps. Few survived.

Today, Landsbergis said, few "indigenous" Jews maintain "a functioning synagogue" in Kovno, which before World War Two had one of the most elite Jewish communities in Eastern Europe. New Jewish communities now exist in Siaulai and Memel.

The Lithuanian Cultural Society is currently working on three projects: starting a newspaper, establishing a newspaper, establishing Yiddish schools, and constructing a museum in Vilnius, he said. If external funds are not forthcoming for the museum the movement will aid the society to build it, Landsbergis added.

Falwell and Co. may be closed but its legacy lives on

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

Jerry Falwell, the man who turned a flock into a constituency, the minister who quoted pollsters as fluently as prophets, the pol who spoke from a televised pulpit, has now pulled off a trick that the Pentagon would envy: he has declared victory and quit the fight.

Speaking from the very heart of Sin City, Las Vegas, he told his ev[redacted]edia congregation that the Moral Majority was closing up shop. "Our goal has been achieved," he said. "The religious right is solidly in place and . . . religious conservatives in America are now in for the duration."

So out with the bumper stickers that proclaimed, "The Moral Majority is Neither." Gone is the favorite whipping dog of the left and the target of the editorial cartoonists. They won't have the 10-year-old organization of televangepoliticians to kick around any more.

Typically, Falwell's victory declaration was one part hype. A more objective benediction over the body would say that this grass-roots lobby group died of its excess, not its success.

At its peak of power, in 1984, the Moral Majority raised $11 million and counted Ronald Reagan as its man. After being infected by the contagious disease of the two Jimmys — Swaggart and Bakker — the group saw its revenue cut by two-thirds and its political candidate Pat Robertson stopped in the South.

Falwell didn't accomplish his agenda of getting prayer in the schools and evolution out of them, of making abortion illegal and labeling parody pornography. The Moral Majority was painted as the Moralistic Minority.

Yet the group he founded on a mountaintop in Virginia did change the way we talk in politics.

The religious right injected "values" into the public debate. Moreover, they defined that word in conservative, traditional and fundamentalist terms. Like political arbitrageurs, they took over powerful codewords from "family" to "American" to "life," even the word "moral" itself. They left liberals uneasy at such language and literally at a loss for words to express the range of their two beliefs to Americans in the middle — the ambivalent majority.

"The Moral Majority set morals and ethics as an agenda long before you had political candidates talking in those terms," says Kathleen Jamieson, who has taught and written about political rhetoric at the University of Texas. Indeed, by staking out the extreme edge, she says, they made it easier for politicans like Bush to move farther to the right, to talk in its terms while still sounding moderate.

Falwell not only encouraged religious conservatives to get involved in politics, he helped to mute the long-standing American concern about separation of church and state. Bible-based, church-taught tenets about abortion, the role of women, homosexuality, were not matters of religious belief but of basic "values." His people were brought together and held together by the fear of assorted "isms": godless communism, secular humanism, feminism. Even pluralism.

In contrast, liberals have been far too slow in finding their own words. Some continue in the dated language of the New Deal. Others sound as mechanistic as Dukakis in his appeal to the allure of "competence." Still others like Jackson try to retake, piecemeal, co-opted words like family or patriotism. As Jamieson says: "There hasn't been a comparable discourse of values coming from the political left and that's a real loss."

Despite the attempts of some like Mario Cuomo there is no unified, overarching description of the modern liberal view: a value-system that is egalitarian, anti-war, comfortably pluralistic and aware of the responsibility members of a community and world have to each other.

But this is as much a moment of change for liberals as for conservatives. One threat which fused the many sub-sects of the religious right — the fear of the Soviet Union — has diminished. The fear of environmental disaster now emerges as Threat Number One. Can that be a new vocabularly of caring for the left?

Now, direct from Las Vegas, comes the news that the Moral Majority, sullied by its evangelical brethren, is going into retreat. Amen to that. But conservative sounds dominate institutions from the Supreme Court to the White House. And meanwhile liberals are still struggling to find their tongues.

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President's spokesman denies pressure on Israel

Bush calls for release of all hostages in Mideast

WASHINGTON (JTA)— An effort is being made both by the Bush administration and Congress to prevent a backlash of criticism against Israel for its capture of an Islamic fundamentalist leader and the apparent subsequent murder of William Higgins, an American Marine officer.

"We have continuing and close contacts with Israel on this situation," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said last week.

"Israel is a strong ally of the United States," he said. "We have an enduring and vibrant relationship, and interest in continuing their security. That certainly has not changed."

Fitzwater, who spoke to reporters after President Bush met for 90 minutes with Secretary of State James Baker, Defence Secretary Richard Cheney and other national security advisers, said experts are studying a videotape purportedly showing the hanging of Higgins by a pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem group.

But U.S. officials have not been able to determine whether the man shown hanging from a makeshift gallows is Higgins. There was also no indication yet whether the incident took place recently or some time earlier.

The Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, which kidnapped Higgins in February 1988, said it killed Higgins on July 31 because Israel had not released its leader, Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid.

The organization, which is believed to be a front group for the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbullah, or Party of God, had threatened to kill another American hostage, Joseph Cicippio, if Israelis did not release Obeid. The deadline has since been extended indefinitely.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker

After Higgins' death was announced, Bush cut short a two-day trip to the West, and met with his national security advisers and then with members of Congress.

He then issued a statement, which was seen as implied criticism of Israel.

"I said that the taking of any hostages was not helpful to the Middle East peace process," Bush said in the statement. "The brutal and tragic events . . . have underscored the validity of that statement."

The president said that he now wanted "to go beyond that statement with an urgent call for all, all parties who hold hostages in the Middle East, to release them, forthwith as a humanitarian gesture, to begin to reverse the cycle of violence in that region."

Fitzwater denied that the Bush statement was aimed at putting pressure on Israel. "The statement applies to all countries in the region," he said. "The statement speaks for itself."

In his statement, Bush made clear that the United States does not support an Israeli proposal, issued before Higgins' death was announced, that it would trade Obeid and all Shiite prisoners held by Israel if the Shiites would free three Israeli soldiers held in southern Lebanon, as well as all American and other civilian hostages held there.

"Our firm opposition to negotiating with hostage-takers was further reinforced in my discussion this evening with the administration and consultations with the congressional leadership," Bush said.

"We do not negotiate for the release of hostages," Fitzwater reiterated. But he stressed that "Israel is a sovereign nation. They have a different policy with regard to hostages than we have."

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler told reporters that the U.S. and Israel have different policies regarding negotiations with terrorists. She pointed out that the long-standing U.S. policy has been not to negotiate with terrorists.

"We make no concessions to terrorists holding offical or private American citizens hostage," she said. "This policy is the firm position of our government and is strongly supported by the American public."

But she noted that Israel, "as a sovereign nation, has a different policy."

Tutwiler praised Iran, the Soviet Union and Syria for their approach to the crisis.

Tutwiler said that the Soviets and Syrians "have expressed to us a desire to try to be helpful."

But in commenting on the Iranian role, Tutwiler was careful to use a double negative. "We have no reason to believe that Iran is not dealing with this manner in a serious way," she said in a prepared statement.

When asked if Israel is being "helpful" or dealing with the matter "in a serious way," she would only say that the United States is "in close contact" with the Israelis.

Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), a leading Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the United States should cooperate with Israel in attempting such a swap.

Lugar and Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), appearing on the Public Broadcasting System's MacNeill/Lehrer Newshour, said it would be illogical to attribute Higgins' death to the Israeli seizure of Obeid.

Dodd said that blaming Israel for the tragedy would only accomplish what the terrorists who kidnapped the Americans set out to do in the first place: create divisions between Israel and the United States.

The most public criticism of Israel came from Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.), who said on the Senate floor that Israel should have notified the United States before taking action that might endanger Americans.

Speaking on the Senate floor, Dole said it would be "refreshing" if Israel assumed a "little more responsibility" for actions that could endanger American lives.

Later, in the face of the uproar surrounding his remarks, he said:

"My basic message to Israel is this: We are in this together. We both have vital interests at stake. Whenever possible, we ought to act together, and always we ought to take fully into account the vital interests of the other when they contemplate unilateral action. That is a way to avoid any wedge being driven between us."

"Star Wars" research said to be in jeopardy

WASHINGTON (JTA)— The multimillion-dollar "Star Wars" research that Israel is supposed to conduct for the United States may be in jeopardy, if the second highest-ranking Democrat on the House armed services committee has his way.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is trying to thwart a proposed amendment, introduced by Democratic Rep. Charles Bennett, which would pare the Star Wars program from $3.5 billion to $2.8 billion.

The Pentagon's Strategic Defence Initiative organization threatened this month to cancel U.S.-Israeli joint research if its 1990 fiscal year budget is lower than $3.2 billion, a congressional source said.

An official in the pro-Israel lobbying community predicted that the amendment has enough votes to pass, when the Defense Authorization Bill for the 1990 fiscal year comes up for a vote in the House of Representatives at the end of the month.

The Star wars program is the "centrepiece of strategic cooperation" between Israel and the United States, the official said.

Under a 3-year package to be renegotiated this year, Israel received $150 million to conduct research to build the so-called Arrow anti-tactical ballistic missile. Under a cost-sharing formula, Israel finances 20% and the United States funds 80% of the research effort.

By contrast, few glitches have emerged so far for pro-Israel lobbyists in securing $3 billion in foreign aid for Israel for the 1990 fiscal year. The House has approved the 1990-1991 Foreign Aid Authorization bill, and the Senate appropriations committee is now considering the bill.

Pro-Israel lobbyists predict that, in the end, Congress will save the Arrow program. But the congressional source said cuts in Star Wars threaten the "long-term viability" of the Arrow program, including its research and production schedule.

A game of cards

JERSALEM (JPFS) — Approximately 50,000 Palestinians from the Gaza Strip travel to work daily in Israel, but after Aug. 18, no Gaza Palestinian will be allowed to enter Israel without a magnetic identity card.

Since the cards first came into use some two months ago, the Gaza civil administration has issued about 35,000 of them — at a charge of 20 shekels (about $10) each. Only Palestinians who, according to the administration, have paid all their taxes and been cleared by the security forces are elgible for a card.

While the Israeli authorities have been handing out the cards, intifada activists have been looking for ways to foil the operation. The popular committees in the area have embarked on a "war of attrition," collecting the cards from Gazans to prevent them from entering Israel under the new regulations.

"We consider it nothing but another means of oppression against us," a resident of the Jabalya refugee camp said. "We know that the Israelis are stronger than us, and in the end they win; but it's a war, and we have to try our luck."

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: As we prepare for Tisha B'Av, should we arrange to discuss the question of our times: Why did the Holocaust befall us?

Rabbi Burak

ANSWER: No this question is still too painful for discussion, and I feel that all who do discuss it are guilty of not taking their cues from the words of the Bible, and the Talmud. Jeremiah, the prophet who lived through the destruction of the First Temple, found the ruin and the devastation of the Holy Land totally incomprehensible.

Here are his words in Chapter 9:11-12 of his great book: "Who is the wise man, that may understand this? And who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord hath spoken, that he may declare it? Why is the land ruined, withered like a wilderness without anyone passing through?

"And the Lord said: Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and they have not hearkened to My voice, nor walked by it." Note, that only God could say that.

The Talmud, in Tractate Nedarim, 81a, examines the issue Jeremiah raised, and make clear that no person had an answer: "Now this question (why is the land ruined?) was put to the Sages, Prophets, and Ministering Angels, but they could not answer it, until the Almighty Himself did so . . ."

Now, I don't understand why it was that nobody knew the answer. In another passage in the Talmud, it's quite clear that everybody knew the answer. It would be amazing if our scholars who are so expert at finding answers for every conceivable problem, should not have had an answer to this one. And they did have a statement why all this destruction took place:

In Tractate Yoma, 9b, we read: "Mikdash Rishon, why was the First Sanctuary destroyed? Because of three (evil) things which prevailed there: idolatry, immorality, and bloodshed." Apparently the Sages did know the reason; then why have we read in Nedarim that not even the Ministering Angels knew the answer?

The question has been asked by the masters of Talmudic thought, Azulai on the one hand, and the Machneh Chaim on the other. To me it is clear, that only centuries after a tragedy has taken place can one discuss it calmly and rationally. At that time it is possible to understand the causes that brought on the tragedy.

But, when the heart is bleeding from its horrible wounds, let no one dare to speak. As Ecclesiastes said, in Chapter 3:7, there is "a time to keep silence, and a time to speak." So, when the destruction of the land had just taken place, in the days of Jeremiah, everybody was silent.

We have amongst us living witnesses who saw the most wonderful, saintly men and women consigned to the flames at Auschwitz. For them there is no answer as yet, and they struggle even as Samuel Usque in his day" . . . struggled with the eternal problem of his people's endless sorrow. Unquestioning faith in God did not resolve the problem.It only deepened the mystery surrounding Israel's destiny.

"To be sure, our people fell short of the Divine ideal set before them. They were not always true to their prophetic calling. But what of the other nations? Who among them could lay claim to higher standards of morals, justice, or the perception of religious truth?"

Our consolation as we approach Tisha B'Av is to be found in the fact that the wanderers are returning home again, reclaiming the Hebrew language as well as the land of our fathers. They come from the four corners of the earth.

Build the land of Israel and in the process the Jewish soul will find itself.

Women pushed, splattered with mud

Guards break up service at Kotel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A dozen women attempting to conduct monthly Rosh Hodesh services last week at the Western Wall were dragged away, one by one, by female security guards.

The trouble started immediately after the group, which calls itself Women of the Wall, arrived at the Kotel, where 15 security guards hired by the religious affairs ministry were stationed.

According to Bonna Haberman, a member of the group, the guards encircled the women even before they started praying. "They pulled us and pushed us so hard that finally we were all on the floor," Haberman said.

Ultra-Orthodox women praying individually at the wall, who oppose women conducting prayer services, threw water and mud at the group. Haberman said afterward she looked as if she had been in a mud fight.

Reached at her home, Haberman, a recent Canadian immigrant, expressed her horror at what happened. She said she was covered with cuts and bruises.

"We kept our calm all the time, and stayed absolutely passive through the horrible scenes," she said. She claimed that Rabbi Meir Yehuda Getz, who is religious trustee of the wall, looked on at what was going on with pride.

She also said that this latest incident has not deterred the women, but rather made them more determined than ever to ensure that their rights are upheld.

Women are allowed to pray at the wall, but they must do so individually. Men, on the other hand, organize minyanim for prayer, as they would in a synagogue, wear prayer shawls and carry the Torah.

Women of the Wall contend there is no halachic ban on their doing the same.

The battle for the right of women to hold regular prayer services at the wall, just as men do, began last Dec. 1, at the close of the First International Jewish Feminist Conference in Jerusalem.

A group of women, mostly tourists who had attended the conference, took a Torah scroll to the site for early morning prayers. Some wore kippot and tallitot (skullcaps and prayer shawls traditionally worn only by men).

They were reviled by ultra-Orthodox men and women at the wall, which has partitions separating male and female worshippers.

Physical and verbal harassment on several subsequent occasions led the women to obtain an order from the High Court of Justice in May permitting them to pray as a group at the wall, though not to carry the Torah.

Women at the Wall has now decided to ask the High Court to speed consideration of its pending lawsuit against the religious authorities, currently scheduled for Dec. 27.

Haberman said the women would spare no time or effort to "have our rights recognized and for us to be protected."

Schools in territories reopen

Rights organization puts Palestinian toll at 509

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Five hundred and nine Palestinian have been killed by Israeli soldiers and civilians since the start of the uprising in December 1987, according to figures released last week by the Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories. Ten Israeli civilians, including three infants, and five soldiers were killed in the territories during the same period.

According to the figures, 477 Palestinians were killed by live ammunition and plastic bullets. Twenty-three of these were children aged 12 or under, and 76 were between 13 and 16 years of age. Thirty-two Palestinians were killed by other causes, such as beatings, burns or electrocution.

More than 70 others died shortly after exposure to tear-gas, including almost 30 babies. (It is difficult to establish medically that tear-gas was the direct and sole cause of death.)

According to the figures, there was a sharp rise last month in the number of Palestinian deaths, which totalled 32 (compared with 20 in June).

Meanwhile, 68,000 Palestinian junior high school students were to return to their classrooms last week in phase two of the civil administration's plan to reactivate the West Bank educational system, according to Maj. Gen. Amrm Mitzna, head of Central Command.

The schools have been shut all year except for a few weeks in December and January. West Bank primary schools reopened three weeks ago after army officials said parents and school principals had assured them the children would not hold demonstrations during classroom hours. Mitzna said the army would decide within a few weeks whether to reopen classes in grades 10 and 11, the two senior high school years in the West Bank.

Time is ripe

"The time is ripe for reopening the schools," Mitzna told members of the Knesset education committee who visited primary schools in Ramallah and El-Bireh. "The pupils and their parents have come to the conclusion that they (the children) want to learn."

Mitzna also told the legislators there were no West Bank youths under the age of 14 in jail and that the army had recently released all but 50 of the 147 high school-aged children currently detained. He added that there were no Palestinian teachers in jail at the moment.

The general, who gave up his command last week, said the split between the PLO and the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas organization over whether school children should have participated in a recent strike indicated "that the Palestinians are arguing among themselves and that there are many children and adults ready to challenge those who use terror to intimidate."

An estimated 80% of the Palestinian children ignored orders to observe the strike and showed up for school as usual.

Palestinians reported widespread dissatisfaction with the call to boycott classes, only days after schools had reopened. The gap between popular sentiment and the orders of the uprising leadership was especially evident in Nablus, where activists loyal to Fatah broke publicly with the call to cancel classes. Residents reported that youths identifying themselves as the "Abu Jihad Brigades" broadcast louspeaker calls urging Palestinians to defy Israel's "policy of ignorance" and go to school.

"People are speaking out openly against the orders of the Unified Leadership, and say the instructions show thoughtlessness and disregard for the people," said a prominent figure in Nablus. In several locations in the West Bank, teachers and pupils resisted calls by activists who arrived at schools and urged students to leave class, military sources said.

Rabbinate says no to cession

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Chief Rabbinate has issued a halachic decision that the Torah forbids making territorial concessions in the Land of Israel.

The ruling apparently was a reaction to statements by former Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who recently told Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that the halacha justifies territorial compromise. Yosef had said it was a matter of pikuah nefesh — the saving of lives.

The Chief Rabbinate statement recalled that in 1948, the Chief Rabbis had declared that it was a mitzva to occupy the Land of Israel and hold on to it. One was not allowed to withdraw "because Arab murderers were threatening bloodshed." That principle still holds and applies to Judea and Samaria, the rabbinate maintained.

The rabbinate did not mention Rabbi Yosef by name, but clearly referred to his meeting with Mubarak when it said it was "surprised and sad" that Jews had told "a non-Jewish ruler: By law we must hold on to Israel, but because you are willing to kill Jews unless we retreat, then we must withdraw."

The statement pointed out that holding on to land could actually save lives.

Cost of fighting intifada could reach $500 million

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The cost of fighting the Palestinian uprising in the territories is expected to reach approximately 1 billion shekels ($500 million) by the end of the current fiscal year in March 1990, according to Brig.-Gen. Michael Navon, economic adviser to the chief of general staff and director of the defence ministry's budget department.

Navon says this figure, which translates into about 1.15 million shekels ($590,000) per day, includes only the amount the defence establishment has been forced to spend. Even higher losses, he said, are incurred by the civilian economy.

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Ex-Refusenik says he's baffled by Soviet tactics

Ioffe appeals to Moscow to let sister, kin leave

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Alexander Ioffe, the former Soviet Jewish Refusenik who went on a hunger strike to finally receive permission to emigrate, is now pleading in the West for the release of his sister and her family who remain.

Ioffe, who is spending the summer in Montreal, said his sister Inessa Uspensky of Moscow, her husband Igor, their son Vyacheslav, and her mother-in-law Irina Voronkevich, received "verbal permission" from Soviet emigration officials July 20 that the family could leave, except Voronkevich.

Voronkevich, 77, is a former botany professor who retired 13 years ago. Ioffe said his sister and brother-in-law were told the older woman could not leave for security reasons, without being specific.

This baffles Ioffe, who says he has no idea what secrets Voronkevich could have had knowledge of during her career and, in any case, points out she has been on pension for 13 years. Inessa is Ioffe's only sibling.

The Uspenskys, who are both entomologists with the equivalent of doctoral degrees, first applied to emigrate in July, 1979. They were refused in 1981 and June, 1988, at which time they were told they would have to wait until 1997.

Ioffe, a mathematician, said the family had previously been told they could not leave because of his alleged access to classified information years earlier. When he left for Israel in January, 1988, after waiting 11 years, Ioffe said there had been some hints from officials that Voronkevich's past might be at issue, but this was the first time it was explicit from Moscow's central visa office.

He suspects it may be just another way of extending the refusal of the Uspenskys themselves.

Ioffe said he finds it inconceivable that the Soviets would attempt to separate an elderly mother and her family at this time when it is trying to improve its image in the West.

In addition to Ioffe and his wife Rosa, daughter Anna and son Dmitri and his family who live in Haifa, the Uspenskys have a daughter-in-law Alla (Vyacheslav's wife) and grandchild in Israel. She left in April.

Barbara Stern, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Committee on Soviet Jewry, said the treatment of the Uspensky family case is a flagrant violation of the concluding document drawn up in Vienna in January by the signatories of the Helsinki Accords, at the end of almost three years of follow-up meetings. The Soviet Union is among the 35 participating states in this process formally known as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

Alexander Ioffe (centre) speaks to his sister Inessa Uspensky in the Soviet Union, as Carole Moscovitch, director of the CJC National Committee for Soviet Jewry, and CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose stand by. [Howard Kay photo]

The document states that participating states "will take steps to find solutions as expeditiously as possible, but in any case, within six months, to all applications based on the human contacts provisions" of the Helsinki accords and the previous Madrid concluding document "outstanding at the conclusion of the Vienna follow-up meeting." It also reaffirms the right of all persons to leave any country, including their own.

Stern said the Uspensky case runs counter as well to frequent statements by Soviet representatives at another CSCE meeting, the Paris Conference on Human Dimensions, that ended in June.

"The Soviets kept saying in Paris that all outstanding cases would be dealt with within six months of the Vienna concluding document — most of them positively," Stern said.

The news of the Uspensky's refusal came just days after the 6-month deadline, July 15, passed, she said.

"It's not only incredible that the Soviets would keep a 77-year-old, it's stupid at a time when they are trying to cultivate a good image. It sounds like something that could have happened five years ago."

Stern said the CJC committee has launched a campaign in Canada on behalf of the Uspenskys, and is making representations to the Canadian government and the Soviet embassy.

Inessa and Igor Uspensky worked for over 20 years in the Institute of Medical Parasitology and Tropical Medicine of the Ministry of Health, specializing in ticks. In 1982, they were dismissed from the Institute, and neither has been able to work professionally since then.

Igor now works as a lift operator, and Inessa does occasional work translating English to Russian, or typing.

Ioffe, a professor at the Technion, his wife and daughter are spending two months in Montreal, where he is doing mathematics research at the University of Montreal.

Argentina wants good relations with Jews

NEW YORK (JTA) — Argentina's new president has assured the leadership of the World Jewish Congress he would have "excellent relations with the Jewish community," the organization reported last week.

Carlos Saul Menem, the Peronist leader elected May 14 and installed as president last month, met in Buenos Aires with a delegation headed by Edgar Bronfman, the WJC president.

The WJC leaders flew to the Argentine capital to meet with Menem and other Latin American leaders, including the newly elected president of Venezuela and representatives of the Jewish communities of Argentina, Brazil and Venezuela.

But Argentine Jews of all political stripes are now optimistic that the new president will have good relations with the Jewish community, Elan Steinberg, WJC's executive director, said in a telephone interview from Sao Paulo.

He said the Argentine president greeted Bronfman with "Shalom" and spoke of the "commonality of the Jewish and Syrian refugee experience."

Menem is the son of Syrian refugees who settled in Argentina. Born a Moslem, he converted to Catholicism, some say to comply with an Argentine law that requires the president to be a Roman Catholic.

Bronfman was accompanied by Steinberg and Israel Singer, the WJC secretary-general, as well as the president of the Argentine Jewish community, David Goldberg, in the 90-minute meeting with Menem at the Pink House, the presidential palace.

Their meeting with the president was followed by a news conference with the international media. Moreover, Menem had announced twice on primetime television that he would be meeting with the WJC leaders.

Steinberg described the Argentine president as "a highly charismatic figure who has psychologically energized the country to face the challenges."

Argentina is faced with a devastating rate of inflation that is rising geometrically by 200% per month. As a result, aliyah is up considerably, although figures previously reported were exaggerated, Steinberg said.

The matter was discussed at a private meeting with Israeli Ambassador Efraim Tari and in a meeting with the DAIA, Argentine Jewry's representative body.

The WJC did not discuss Menem's recent statement that he seeks reconciliation with the military. There were three military rebellions last year that stopped just short of a coup.

The Jewish community fared very badly during the "Dirty War" of the late 1970s, when a military junta ruled and abducted people variously suspected of leftist leanings.

Many Jews, particularly young people, were never seen again.

This subject, however, was not discussed with Menem, Steinberg said. "That's a question that should be raised by the local Jewish community."

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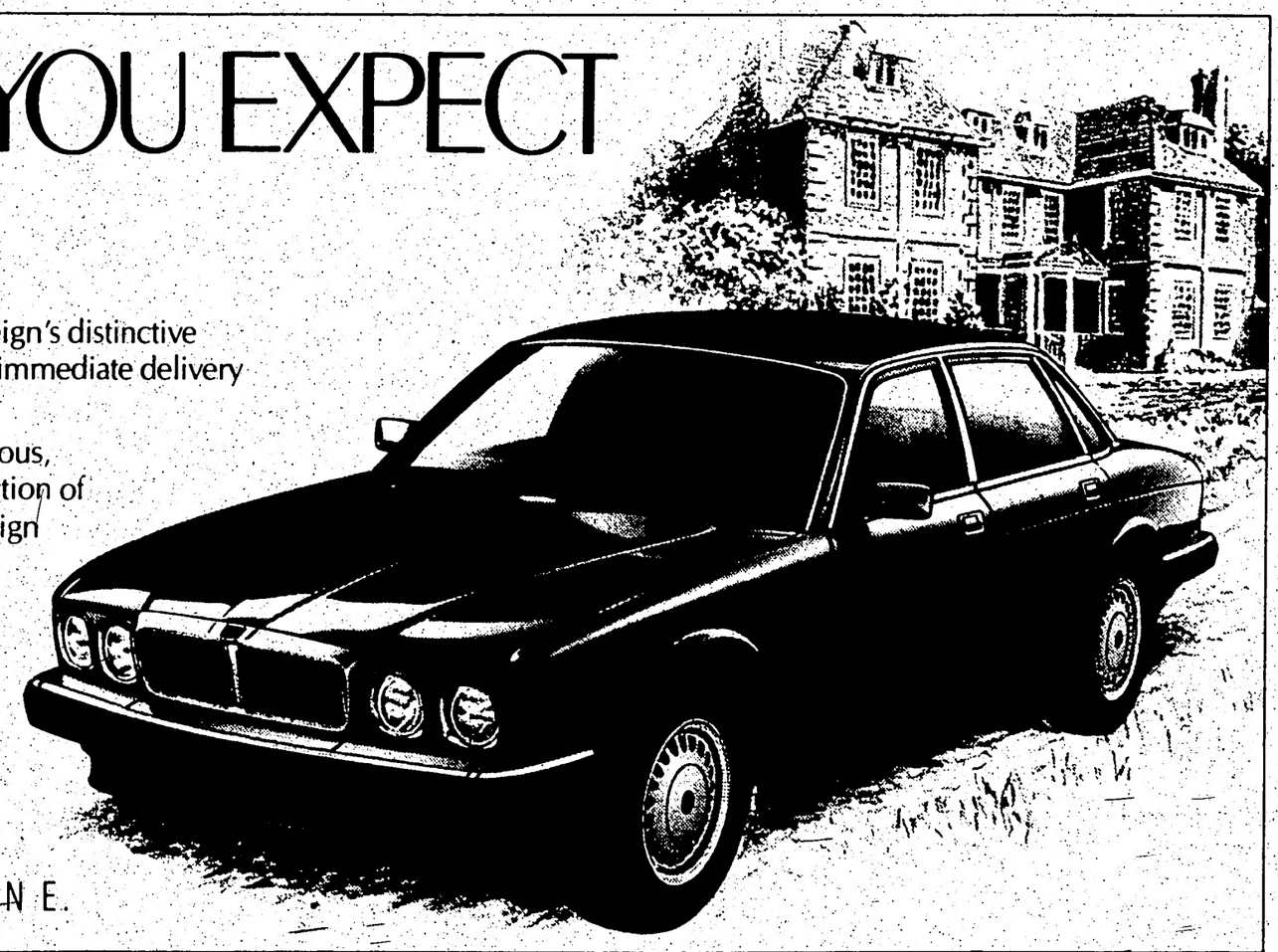

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Press divided over future course

UK debate on war criminal prosecutions turns ugly

LONDON (JTA) —

A government panel's recommendation to allow Britain to pursue one-time Nazi war criminals more aggressively has led to rancorous and even slanderous debate in the British press.

Initial newspaper editorials welcomed the Parliamentary War Crimes Inquiry Report, which recommended changing British law to prosecute alleged World War II criminals who became British citizens after the war.

The report says the changes would allow the immediate prosecution of three people living in Britain, and that at least 75 other cases warranted further investigation.

The Independent and Guardian newspapers came out strongly in favor of the recommendations, as did a columnist for the Daily Mail.

However, Jewish columnists in the Standard and Times have argued against the trials, as have various members of Parliament in letters to editors.

The writers fear overzealous prosecutors miscarrying justice, and question the morality of vengefully pursuing old men for 40-year-old crimes.

The most scurrilous attacks on the Inquiry Report appeared in the Sunday Telegraph and the Daily Telegraph.

In the Sunday Telegraph, a columnist called the board's recommendations "an affront to the very heart of English law and even of English life" and labelled Jewish Parliament member Greville Janner as "zealous."

The Daily Telegraph columnist went even further, calling Jewish activists "terrifying in their fanaticism and unappeasable thirst for vengeance" in their pursuit of war criminals and complaints over the Carmelite convent still in place at the site of the Auschwitz death camp.

"These Jewish fanatics, at their most extreme, seem almost to have persuaded themselves that Jews were the only people massacred in the Second World War," wrote Peter Simple. "This is an attitude which thoughtful Jews must surely repudiate, lest . . . the overbearing fanaticism of a few should bring on a reaction against the many."

The press debate is complicating matters for community leaders, who are hoping to avoid a repetition of the inter-communal conflict that has accompanied Nazi prosecution in other countries.

In Canada, Australia and the United States, pursuit of war criminals from Eastern Europe has led to tension between Jews and local Ukrainian and Baltic communities.

Hayim Pinner, secretary of the British Board of Deputies, an umbrella group of Jewish organizations, said there was no reason for friction between Jews, Baltics and Ukrainians over the issue.

Taras Kuzio, a member of the Ukrainian Graduates and Professionals Association, agreed, and said war criminals should be prosecuted if evidence was avaialable.

However, Kuzio charged that the War Crimes Inquiry Report "promoted the myth that tens of thousands of Nazi war criminals were living in Britain. This, we now see, is patently a falsehood."

Proof of heightened tensions was found in a police investigation into threatening phone calls and letters sent to Karen Powell, a member of the national council of the Zionist Federation.

After a letter by Powell appeared in the Evening Standard supporting the Inquiry Report, she received one letter saying "Jews are creating their own Holocaust against unarmed Arabs. They are the people who should be rounded up."

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said he would delay a decision on the board recommendations until both houses of Parliament return and debate the issue in the autumn.

But supporters and opponents of the measure seem sure it will pass, based on its strong wording and the bipartisan participation of the Inquiry board's 100 members.

U.S., USSR to increase cooperation on Mideast

PARIS (JTA) —

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze have agreed to step up cooperation on the Middle East and have appointed high-ranking aides to serve as their liaisons on the subject.

The two men were here for a Cambodian peace conference. They discussed their Middle East priorities during nearly three hours of talks on world issues, including the Arab-Israeli conflict.

They also agreed that another meeting in September could lead to a summit between President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Baker and Shevardnadze agreed to have Dennis Ross, the director of policy planning for the State Department, and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Gennady Terrasov act as their representatives on the Middle East.

The two appointees, in fact, are both already involved in the policy area and have each met with Israeli officials. Ross, who is Jewish, has already been to the Middle East on one mission for the Bush administration.

Terrasov, who is close to Gorbachev, met July 20 in Tunis with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat. He later briefed an Israeli Labor Party official, Nimrod Novik, on the talks during a meeting here in Paris.

Novik, who is a close aid to Vice Premier Shimon Peres, was told that the PLO was ready to accept, under certain conditions, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plan for Palestinian elections in the territories.

Furthermore, it was reported from Moscow last week that Terrasov would soon be visiting Israel, even though Moscow has yet to reestablish full diplomatic relations with Jerusalem.

The U.S.-Soviet decision to increase coordination on the Middle East "shows that our two countries are no longer adversaries or backing enemies, but are determined to work out a joint solution satisfactory to both sides," a Soviet commentator who did not wish to be identified told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Many forced to convert

Yemeni Jews' status described as desperate

By PAUL LUNGEN

NEW YORK —

The condition of the Jews in Yemen is deteriorating and the total destruction of the Jewish community there is only a question of time, according to Moshe Barr-Nea, a volunteer activist on behalf of Yemeni Jews.

The Jewish community there has been ghettoized and lives in total isolation from other Yemenites, he said.

Relying on more than 15 letters smuggled out of Yemen in the past year, Barr-Nea paints a "desperate" picture of the Jewish community there. The letters tell of young girls being kidnapped by wealthy sheikhs and of family members being jailed, beaten or evicted from their homes when they protest.

There are many forced conversions to Islam, including women who are compelled to marry Moslems and Jewish children who are taken from their homes after the death of their father to be brought up as Moslems, the letters state.

Quoting "Arab sources," Barr-Nea told The CJN there are approximately 6,300 Jews still left in Yemen, scattered among 40 Arab villages. But about another 2,000 have been forced to convert to Islam, like the Marranos of Spain who were forced to convert to Christianity 500 years ago. The Yemenites would live as Jews if given the chance, he added.

Jews are excluded from Sanaa University and are not part of the general school system. No Jews are allowed among the thousands of Moslem Yemenite students who study in the United States and Canada. Visitors from countries that maintain diplomatic relations with North Yemen are barred from meeting local Jews, who are in turn forbidden from traveling between towns.

"For years children and parents (some left after the creation of Israel) can't talk to each other," he said. "It's a crime."

No Jews have been allowed to emigrate from North Yemen since 1962.

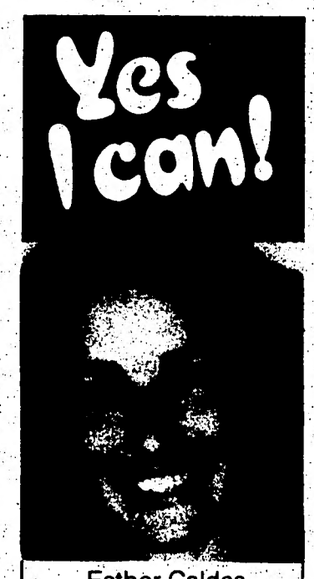
Health services for Jews are non-existent, with the life expectancy of new-born females 38.7 years and 37.3 for men. The Yemeni government prevents minimal humanitarian aid for the Jews of Yemen.

Barr-Nea, a Holocaust survivor from Lodz, Poland who has been working on behalf of Jews in Arab lands for 35 years, said he is now trying to establish committees in Toronto and Montreal to work on behalf of Yemenite Jews by lobbying politicians to speak up for their rights.

He hopes to convince the Voice of America radio station to broadcast to Yemen greetings from family members and a sort of "university of the air" to educate them.

For 40 years they have felt abandoned by their fellow Jews, he said. Radio broadcasts by VOA or by Canadian broadcasters would "give them hope," he added.

For more information about the Jews of Yemen, contact Barr-Nea at 210 West 91st St., New York, NY, 10024, or telephone (212) 691-3382.



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Israelis using more hard drugs

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

There are an estimated 18,000 hard-drug addicts in Israel, and an additional 36,000 who, while not addicted, use drugs regularly, according to a health ministry survey.

The report states that drug use has grown by 25% each year for the past three years. The report also states that 1.5% of the population use drugs regularly, and 3% of the population — 50,000 persons — have tried hard drugs at least once in their lives.

In addition, over 5,000 people methadone by prescription to cope with their addiction.

Cardinal backs Jews on Carmelite convent

PARIS (JTA) —

The cardinal of Lyon, who headed the Catholic delegation that negotiated the agreement on vacating the Auschwitz convent, said last week he agreed with the Jewish community that the nuns "should have left by now."

Cardinal Albert Decourtray, who took part in the Geneva accord of Feb. 22, 1987, said in a radio interview: "My interpretation of the agreements is the same as that of the Jewish community: the nuns should have left by now."

Decourtray, who is considered France's leading Catholic prelate, said, "One should understand the sentiment of the Jewish community. Auschwitz is a powerful symbol for them, and any further delay in the departure of the nuns is simply unbearable."

The cardinal said that despite the "freeze" on Catholic-Jewish relations decreed by French Jewish leader Theo Klein last week, "personal relations between Jews and Catholics will continue. I, on my side, will do whatever I can to try to see that the agreement is implemented at the earliest."

The Geneva agreement stipulated that the Carmelite nuns would vacate the convent by Feb. 22 of this year.

The Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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DVORETZKY — SHATSKY — TUROFSKY

DVORETZKY at first blush appears to emanate from the Jewish given name DVORAH (DEBORAH in English).

SHATSKY appears to be related to SHATZ, which is an acronym for SHeliach TZibbur — the emissary of the congregation, the cantor or chazzan.

In fact, these prominent Jewish families of Toronto share surnames derived from towns and villages in White Russia.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

In this week's parsha Vetchanan, Moses urges Israel to observe the mitzvot as he taught them, without adding to or taking away from them (Deut. 4:2). This and his abrupt reference in the very next verses to the incident of Baal Peor suggest to a modern commentator a warning against polarization and extremism.

Earlier, the Moabites sought to destroy the Israelites, whom pagan prophet Bilaam declared militarily invincible, by undermining their morality. The Torah in Numbers 25:1-18 recounts how Moab's women playing the harlots enticed Israelite men to vice and deference to the pagan panoply of gods headed by Baal Peor. This seemed the last straw to Moses and Aaron, who, sorely tested time and time again in the past, could now only stand helplessly by. Threatened on the very eve of their entry into the Promised Land was the Israelites':

- Entire social, moral, and religious foundation.
- Intended status as a kingdom of priests.
- God-given right to possess the Promised Land.
- Tribulations and triumphs of their desert wanderings.
- Covenant with God at Mount Sinai, and His previous interventions on their behalf in Egypt.

The loss of God's messengers to humanity would mean the automatic destruction of the world, accorrding to the rabbis.

Only the alacrity of Aaron's grandson Pinchas, who speared a Moabite princess and Jewish prince *in flagrante*, broke the enchantment and saved the Israelites. His action halted the plague of destruction that had begun to ravage Israel.

Observing the Torah, Moses tells Israel in Deut. 4:6, will constitute "a sign of your wisdom and understanding in the eyes of the nations, who, when they will hear all its statutes, will say 'this nation is truly wise and understanding.' " However, religious extremism among the Israelites, a lingering reaction to Baal Peor, threatened such exemplary Torah observance, suggests Rabbi Jeffrey Cohen, of Stanmore & Canons Park Synagogue and Jews' College, London.

"Two opposing reactions can be expected when a nation or group becomes assailed by moral corruption and licence, when all values and standards are swept away," he writes in an article Polarization in the Mosaic Period. One group, "so outraged, so fearful for the future moral survival of their offspring, will withdraw from any association with the outside world . . . They will adopt stringencies and disciplines, hedge themselves in with many precautionary regulations whose sole objective is to draw an iron curtain between them and those whose lifestyle they perceive as their greatest threat. They will not want a Torah that synthesizes religion and everyday living," but one with "fences and religious restrictions."

Others "doggedly assert that if Judaism is to be a light to the nations, we have to expose ourselves even to Baal Peor cults. We have to live in the world, live cheek by jowl with corruption influences, and, by our example, to change society." For this, Judaism must "adapt its practices, moderate and modernize them somewhat, trim them a little, so that the wayward and misguided will be attracted and be prepared to accept the less demanding form of the ancestral faith."

Writes Cohen: "To pietists wrapping themselves with layer after layer of *chumrot*, undemanded stringencies, Moses said, 'Do not add.' And to those whose modernist solution was to attract others by compromise, Moses said 'Do not take away.' Not only will you not win over others by that approach, but you will lose your own convictions, undermine your own discipline and fall away to total assimilation."

Cohen points out that Moses again urges not adding to or taking away from the Torah in Deut. 13:1, immediately after his warning about the morally corrupt practices of the Canaanites that the Israelites were about to encounter (Deut. 12:29-31). "Once again, we may assume, Moses is anticipating the polarizing effects on Israel of a confrontation with an alluring though morally degenerate influence," he writes.

Cohen concludes: "Only a Judaism that remains wedded to modern life, without compromising its laws, can serve the purpose of God and our people. Only a rational non-extremist and non-polarized Judaism will secure our future as Klal Israel, a unified people acting out its pre-ordained destiny, instead of sapping its very lifeblood by internecine rivalry, sectarianism and mutual hostility . . . For the nations to realize 'What a great nation is this to whom God is so close' (Deut. 4:7), we must reject polarization and foster tolerance and love among all sections of our people, and among the nations."

Director a giant in theatre world

John Hirsch spurned convention

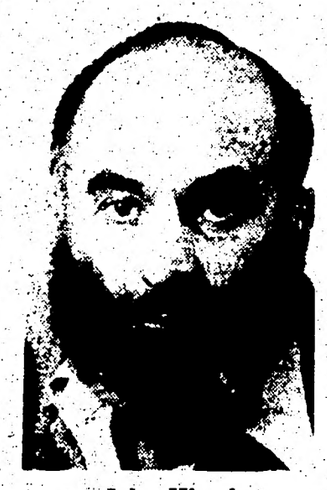
By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

John Hirsch, the eloquent orphan child of the Holocaust, who made a greater impact on both the U.S. and Canadian theatre than any other Canadian stage director, used to describe himself as "a biophiliac — a person in love with life."

Abrasive, impassioned and poetic about his theatrical life, the 59-year-old survivor of Hungary's wartime death camps died last week in Toronto's Mt. Sinai Hospital of cryptococcal meningitis, a complication resulting from AIDS.

About 300 mourners heard him being eulogized as "a rare breed of director" at funeral services in Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, before his burial in Pardes Sholom Cemetery in Maple, Ont.



John Hirsch

A gangly 6-foot-3, who looked like a bald eagle with a black beard, he was the sort of director who would peck and claw fiercely at foolish convention to achieve creativity in the arts.

During his five turbulent years as artistic director of the Stratford Festival, he recalled having to engage in screaming matches with reactionary fuddyduddies before he could convince them of the wisdom of letting Canadian ballet choreographer Brian Macdonald direct Gilbert and Sullivan operettas at the Festival.

Board members similarly objected to his other major experiment that proved overwhelmingly successful — introducing a separate Young Company where fledgling actors could try their wings at performing in the classics.

Likewise hectic were his four stormy years as head of CBC-TV's drama department. Overcoming skirmishes with the timid-minded, the dedicated nationalist persuaded Canadian Gordon Pinsent to write the popular TV drama, *A Gift To Last;* launched *The King Of Kensington* series starring Al Waxman; and lured home such expatriate actors as Donald Sutherland and Kate Nelligan.

Unlike the Canadians, U.S. theatre people embraced his innovations. He won the Outer Circle Critics' Award for his production of *Saint Joan* at New York's Lincoln Centre; an Obie Award for his Off Broadway production of *AC/DC*, a play satirizing the hokum shown on TV; a Drama Critics' Award for *The Dybbuk* at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles; and the music critics raved when he directed Verdi's *A Masked Ball* at the New York City Opera.

The theatre and his Jewishness were his two cardinal passions. "I am a Jew," he once said proudly to actress Martha Henry, who won renown in his sensitive production of Chekhov's *Three Sisters*. "I belong to the tribe of Marx and Freud."

When I interviewed him in 1985 at Stratford, he was directing what he called "the very Jewish play of *King Lear*" and told me with considerable feeling, "an artist is a person who works out of his very *kishkes*. And a Jewish artist must do doubly so."

He was greatly disturbed because he had experienced anti-semitism for virtually the first time in the Canadian theatre community. He said:

"I felt fragile when I began directing *Lear*, because the torments heaped on the betrayed king evoked my childhood memories of the Holocaust. Also, because I was directing it right in the middle of the Keegstra, Zundel and Mengele affairs. So the play became a cathartic exprience for me.

"I've always felt that the theatre should be a school for humanism. But while Keegstra and his gang were spouting their obscenities about the allegedly fictitious Holocaust, some people here in Stratford thought it funny to tell me so-called Jewish jokes.

"To tell Jewish jokes to a person whose family has been murdered for committing the sin of being Jewish is hardly hilarious. To put it mildly, I was very, very upset and saddened.

"It made me realize that Canadian Jews, like Hungarian Jews, tend to forget at a certain time that there's still a deeply-rooted anti-semitism at work here."

The last time I saw him in 1987, he was directing the racetrack comedy *Three Men On A Horse* to be presented at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, and he was feeling far more relaxed about his future.

He recalled how he was scratching out a meagre living running a puppet show in war-devastated Budapest in 1947, when the Canadian Jewish Congress miraculously rescued the 17-year-old orphan scarecrow nicknamed Herring ("because I was so skinny and anemic") and delivered him into the loving arms of the Sybil Shack family in Winnipeg.

He spoke lightheartedly when I asked him, "What will you do when you no longer get assignments to direct?"

"I'll get along, because I'm a lucky Jewish survivor," he said. "My Jewishness has helped me. My religion, my culture, my language are all part of a minority. I'm aware of being a stranger, an outsider, and that's always an advantage for an artist. It means I can see from the inside and the outside. I have that double vision.

"I'll probably get work teaching, writing, drawing. Or I can always complete the circle how I started, ending up running a puppet theatre.

"The truth is, I've never worked a day in my life. Working in the theatre is really just playing. Every day is just a form of playing with my puppet theatre. As a survivor, when times get tough, I'll get back to my original playpen."

The lover of life will be missed by his comrades in the playpen.

Revolution terror tied to Holocaust

PARIS (JTA) —

Two hundred years after the French Revolution, a conclave of Jews and non-Jews pondered whether that event, including the "Reign of Terror," which some historians consider the first totalitarianism, was a distant forerunner of the Holocaust.

It was one of many questions debated by 300 delegates from 25 countries who assembled recently in the northern French city of Lille, at the invitation of the International Council of Christians and Jews.

Other questions concerned the emancipation of Jews: Can Jews remain a people in addition to being citizens of a nation? What are the relations between the state and the religious expressions of its minorities.

But they also stressed the lack of spirituality growing from it. "Man is man of more than just reason," said Jacobus Schoneveld of the Netherlands.

Jean-Marie Delmaire, organizer of the meeting, suggested, "We ought to find a balance between the acceptance of modernity and the maintenance of identity."

Scholars discuss Jews and emancipation

The participants, only a third of whom were Jews, rejected the Orthodox view that emancipation was the gateway to assimilation. A majority saw it to be, for Jews, the way to modernity.

"What would the Jews become without the emancipation?" asked the eminent French scholar Dominique Schnapper. Her answer: "Not much better off than the Gypsies."

A delegation of 20 persons from Israel included three Moslems.

The delegates agreed that the French Revolution began the process of separation of church and state.

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Israel did right thing by reopening schools

The Israeli government is to be applauded for the recent step it took in reopening elementary schools in the West Bank at the end of a lengthy closure period occasioned by violence in the school system.

The decision, taken at the end of July, was obviously welcomed by the administrators of the 1,000 schools in the territories. The opening of the schools has begun with the elementary grades but it is expected that high school will also be opened shortly.

The relative quiet which accompanied the resumption of studies suggests that the Palestinian leadership has had some second thoughts about using children as weapons in their struggle with Israel.

In fact, PLO activists and even the Islamic fundamentalist faction, Hamas, urged teachers and pupils to resume their studies. This was a natural reaction because intifada leaders have described the closure of the schools as a deliberate policy of Israel to keep Palestinians ignorant.

That Israel has permitted the reopening of schools gives the lie to PLO propaganda. The schools were closed for one simple reason: they were being used as staging grounds for rock-throwing protests and ambushes against Israelis.

It is significant that Israel resisted reopening the schools despite protests from international sources and from Israeli civil rights activists. It was only with the assurance that the schools would remain quiet that the authorities agreed to reopen them.

Israel has acted wisely to counteract the psychic damage being done to Palestinian children by permitting them to go back to school.

It is to be hoped that their education will be conducted along traditional pedagogic and not political lines.

York U. program holds much promise

The recent visit to Canada by President Chaim Herzog has provided an auspicious beginning for a bold new venture to be carried out in Jewish Studies by Toronto's York University.

Referring to the Israeli president's recent visit to his institution (where he received an honorary doctorate), Harry Arthurs, president of York University, announced that an ambitious program in Judaic Studies would be inaugurated at the school.

The announcement of an expanded Judaic Studies major at York is all the more welcome since it comes on the heels of the University of Manitoba's decision last month to phase out its Jewish Studies major.

York University's offerings in Judaic Studies will contain the traditional strengths of such programs — Bible, Talmud and Jewish history and Jewish education — but will also incorporate some new emphasis.

Profiting from the presence on its campus of scholars interested in the Canadian Jewish scene, the university will use their expertise to develop a program in Canadian Jewry and public policy.

Closely tied to this Canadian-oriented approach, York's Judaic Studies option will also inaugurate, through its projected centre a study of the Holocaust and its impact on Canada.

This is a particularly important and valuable project in as much as there are, in Toronto alone, more than 30,000 Holocaust survivors. The York Holocaust project will use audio and videotapes in gathering documentation from Canadian Jews.

The Centre for Jewish Studies at York will also expand its Jewish history program by introducing courses on the archeology of the Land of Israel. These courses will contain both classroom activity and field studies of such ancient sites as Masada and Jerusalem.

York University has planned an ambitious enlargement of its Judaic Studies program. Its faculty members are on the cutting edge of research and publication in the discipline and the University has supported efforts to promote Jewish Studies.

The Leonard Wolinsky Lectures on Jewish Life, academic exchanges with the Hebrew University, Canada-Israel Academic Exchanges, the Abraham Isaac Silver scholarships — these are but a few of the ways in which Judaic Studies at York have been encouraged in the past.

When the new programs are added to York's current profile in Judaic Studies a much strengthened and enlarged framework will emerge. This will benefit immeasurably the study of the Jewish past and present in Toronto and across Canada as a whole.

New books span spectrum

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Books of Jewish interest continue to be churned out by publishers. Here are some of the latest offerings, reviewed in capsule form...

When the war in Europe ended in May of 1945, the war in Palestine erupted.

The British Mandate authorities, still hewing to their 1939 White Paper policy restricting Jewish immigration to Palestine, tried to block the flow of "illegal" immigrants from Europe organized by the Yishuv (the Jewish community in Palestine).

That struggle, which went on until Israel's establishment in May of 1948, was largely played out in the Mediterranean Sea. Many of the ships carrying these Holocaust survivors to Palestine were manned by Jewish volunteers from North America. *The Jews' Secret Fleet (Gefen Publishing House, POB 6056, Jerusalem, $30)* **is the story of how they smashed the British blockade.**

From 1945 until 1948, 64 ships set sail from ports in France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria and Romania, bearing almost 70,000 men, women and children to Palestine. About 32,000 of these immigrants travelled on vessels purchased in the U.S. and sailed by North American volunteers.

Interestingly, two of the ships were war surplus corvettes of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Some fascinating characters were involved in the operation, including Samuel Zemurray, a Bessarabian Jew who had immigrated to the U.S. and rose to head the United Fruit Company, which practically owned Honduras.

The authors of *The Jews' Secret Fleet* are Joseph Hochstein, the former editor-publisher of The Jewish Week of Washington, and Murray Greenfield, a Tel Aviv business consultant who arrived in Israel as a volunteer crew member aboard the Hatikvah.

It's a tale of high intrigue and should be read by anyone with an interest in pre-state Israel.

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The Jews of North America (Wayne State University Press, $14.95 U.S.) makes for worthwhile reading. Consisting of 15 essays by scholars from Canada, Israel and the U.S., it deals with such broad themes as modern migration, folk culture, communal institutions, anti-semitism and integration.

Several essays stand out.

Harold Troper, a Toronto historian, writes on Jews and Canadian immigration policy in the period from 1900 to 1950. Troper, of course, is co-author of *None Is Too Many*, a classic in Canadian historiography. In another essay, Irving Abella — his collaborator — deals with the nature of anti-semitism in Canada in the interwar years.

David Bercuson's analysis of the Zionist lobby and Canada's Palestine policy (1941-1948) is revealing, while Gerald Gold's discussion of smalltown Jewry in northern Ontario and southern Louisiana is well-researched.

I enjoyed reading Pierre Anctil's essay on A.M. Klein's relationship with French Canada, and Mark Slobin's richly-documented essay on Klezmer music as an ethnic musical style is nothing if not original.

These essays prove beyond any doubt that serious scholarly work is being done on North American Jewry.

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In droves, the Jews of Syria immigrated to farflung places — Britain, Mexico, Argentina and the U.S. Thousands of them settled in Brooklyn, particularly in Flatbush, and recreated their old levantine lifestyle there.

Joseph Sutton, a New York writer, deals with the nature of this immigration in a rather lively anthropological work, *Aleppo Chronicles (Thayer-Jacoby, $26 U.S.)*

Himself a native of Aleppo, Sutton spent seven years compiling the basic research and interviewing 50 Syrian Jews from his hometown and Damascus.

It's generally a well-told story, but occasionally, it gets bogged down in excessive verbiage. I imagine that an alert editor could have cured the problem.

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In 1516, the good burghers of Venice, in their infinite wisdom, confined the Jewish residents to a ghetto. Riccardo Calimani's account of it, as well as his analysis of the political, financial and cultural dynamics of ghetto existence, *The Ghetto of Venice (M. Evans and Company, no price listed)* offers disturbing insights into Venetian and European society from the Renaissance to World War II.

Although it's rather dense in places, *The Ghetto of Venice* **is an example of fine scholarship. Indeed, I generally agree with Elie Wiesel's assessment. In a brief forward, he notes that Calimani writes with "the erudition of a historian, the terseness of a journalist and the captivating style of a memorialist."**

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Anti-semitism is an awfully big subject, but Barnett Litvinoff, a British writer, is not intimidated by its breathtaking scope.

In *The Burning Bush: Antisemitism and World History (Collins, $39.95)*, Litvinoff dissects the issue into bite-sized bits for relatively easy consumption. Starting with the Roman Empire, and finishing with Louis Farrakhan, Litvinoff covers immense ground in this panoramic survey of one of mankind's oldest pathological diseases.

I have always maintained that anti-semitism is a universal phenomenon and that its intensity only varies by degree from country to country and culture to culture. You may well agree with this after reading *The Burning Bush.*

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Thanks in part to George Bush's sometimes nasty presidential campaign, liberalism has become something of a dirty word in the lexicon of American politics. But long before Bush abused the concept, liberalism had been under siege by conservative Americans unable to cope with the onslaught of modernity.

Jonathan Rieder's study, *Canarsie: The Jews and Italians of Brooklyn against Liberalism (Harvard University Press, $18.95 U.S.)*, is required reading for anyone interested in understanding recent transformations in U.S. society.

Liberalism in Carnarsie came under fire as a result of legally-enforced busing. Rieder, a Yale University sociologist, explains that it was thereafter associated with elitism, spinelessness, anarchy and irresponsibility.

But *Carnarsie* is more than an account of resistance to change. It's a cogent analysis of Jewish-Italian relations in what passes for a middle-income neighborhood in contemporary America.

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In 1981, a Jewish man in Phoenix, Steven Steinberg, murdered Elana Steinberg, his wife. Steinberg claimed that she drove him to the crime, saying that he could no longer tolerate her materialistic whims and her constant nagging.

During the trial, Elana Steinberg was portrayed as a shrill, demanding bitch who almost deserved her fate. The jury sympathized with the accused. He was acquitted, in what Shirley Frondorf describes in *Death of a "Jewish American Princess" (Random House, $25.95)* as a "terrible miscarriage of justice."

Frondorf's book, while dealing expertly with a major courtroom cause celebre, transcends the Steinberg case and becomes a meditation about prejudice, stereotyping and Jewish self-hatred.

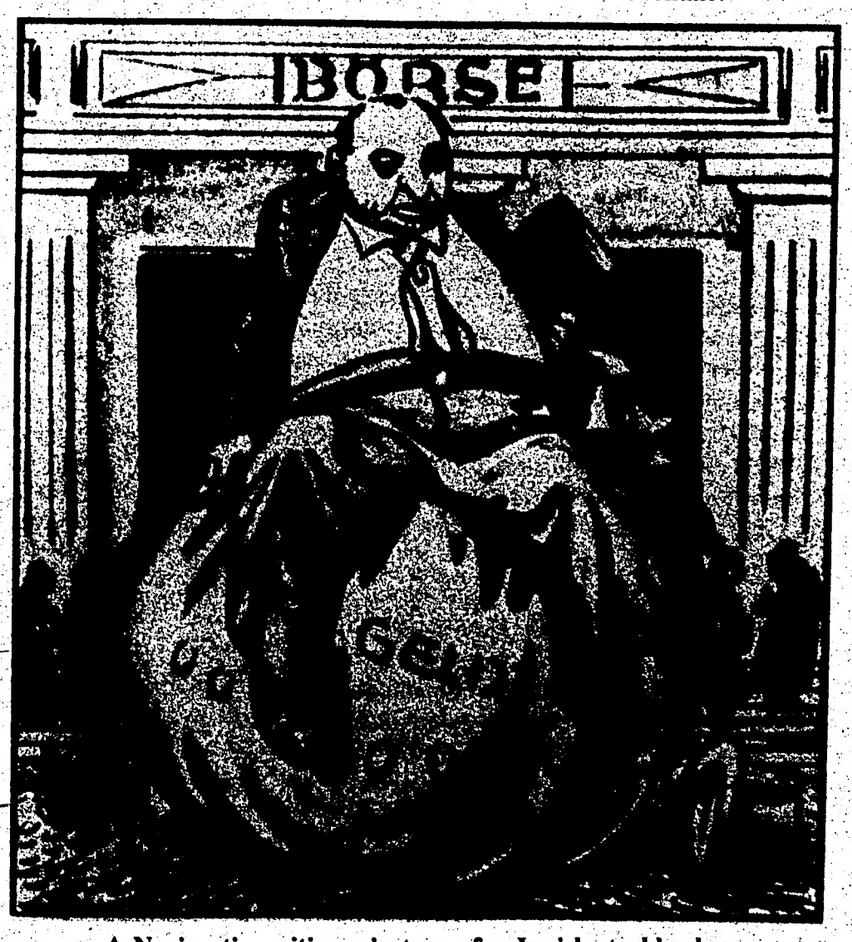
SHORTER TAKES

Ruth Wisse, a professor of Jewish Studies at McGill University, has written a fine account of two major Yiddish poets — Mani Leib and Moishe Lein Halperin, both of whom were members of a group called di Yunge. *A Little Love in Big Manhattan (Harvard University Press, $25 U.S.)* is a labor of love besides being a rigorous academic work.

Isaac Bashevis Singer's newest novel, *The King of the Fields (Collins, $27.95)*, may not be vintage Singer. But who can resist Singer? Even when he's not entirely up to scratch, he's better than most.

Three of his superior novels have been reissued by Collins — *Shosha ($13.50)*, *Gimpel the Fool ($13.50)* **and** *The Slave ($11.95)*. **They're still sizzling.**

Canadian Jewish Outlook has been around for the past 25 years, a journal devoted to secular Judaism and socialism. *The Canadian Jewish Outlook Anthology ($14.95)*, edited by Henry Rosenthal and Cathy Berson, approaches a wide variety of topics from a rather different, sometimes refreshing point of view. It is worth remembering that the Jewish community in Canada is not monolithic.



A Nazi anti-semitic caricature of a Jewish stockbroker.

Opinion

Nazi hunter exasperated at foot-dragging over war crimes

Wiesenthal has shunned Canada — little wonder

By
SOL LITTMAN

TORONTO —

Last month, when First Choice sponsored a gala preview of Murderers Among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story, the man whose life and career are the subject of the film was not there. Indeed, he had publicly refused to attend.

Not that he is disappointed in the film; he has praised it as an accurate representation. No, it's Canada that angers the aging Nazi hunter, and our government's refusal to make more than token efforts at bringing Nazi war criminals to justice.

As, Wiesenthal explains it, he was prepared to visit West Germany, England and the United States because he believes they are sincere in their efforts to locate and prosecute war criminals. But he has nothing but contempt for the show put on by Canada, and as a result has refused all invitations to visit here for the past 10 years.

He believes that Canadian authorities have deliberately ignored the information he has been funnelling to them over the years. He scorns the findings of the Commission of Inquiry into War Criminals in Canada, headed by former Chief Justice Jules Deschenes, and views with despair the efforts of the justice department's special unit on war criminals. Deschenes chose to find only 20 prime cases in Canada, a figure Wiesenthal finds ridiculously low, and the war crimes unit has so far brought only two cases before the courts. He suspects the government of stalling, of dragging out the process so the last war criminal will have died before the government gets around to prosecuting him . . .

In 1966, the department of external affairs instructed Canada's ambassador to Austria, John McCordick, to stay away from Wiesenthal.

The legal beagles of both external and the justice department were of the opinion that the Canadian Criminal Code would not allow prosecution of such persons even if proof of their guilt was conclusive. The chief danger in approaching Wiesenthal was that the old Nazi-hunter might actually expect Canada to act on the information he gave them.

A task force that year found that Canadian law did not allow for the prosecution of war criminals, that extradition was unlikely and the grounds for revocation of citizenship and deportation too difficult to prove.

In 1980, as a result of former solicitor general Robert Kaplan's urging, a new inter-departmental task force was appointed under the chairmanship of justice department Martin Low.

Once more, the bureaucrats held firm. Nothing could be done. No treaties, no United Nations declarations were binding. Extradition was impossible, prosecution in Canada was impossible and deportation a lost cause.

All of these skilled legal opinions, drawn up by the government's leading lawyers, fell by the wayside when Justice Deschenes in one fell stroke upset 45 years of bureaucratic legal thinking. In Deschenes' opinion, extradition, deportation and trial in Canada were distinctly viable options. All that was required was a little touching up of the Criminal Code to permit Canada to prosecute those who had committed brutal crimes long ago in far-away places.

Sol Littman

The government was compelled to act and the justice department was compelled to follow. And follow it did reluctantly, guardedly, determined to avoid criticism, but equally determined to go at its own pace.

As Wiesenthal points out, it's two years since the Deschenes Commission tabled its report.

So far only two cases have reached the courts. The Imre Finta case in Toronto and the Jacob Luitjens case in Vancouver, hardly an auspicious record for the justice department's special war crimes unit headed by a deputy minister and staffed by numerous lawyers, investigators and a score of clerks and administrators.

The two cases that have so far made it to the courts have proceeded so peripatetically, sitting for several days and then adjourning for months, that seasoned trial lawyers observing the trials are given to gnashing their teeth in frustration.

William Hobson, who heads the justice department's war crimes prosecution unit, rejects any and all criticism. Israel, he says, has tried only two war criminals in all the years since its founding in 1948, the same number achieved in Canada in two years. To those who seek to compare Canada's record for war crimes prosecutions with that of the United States' Office of Special Investigations — 17 deportations and scores of war criminals voluntarily leaving the United States rather than face trial — Hobson insists that Canada is doing much better than the OSI did in its final two years of operation.

Neither argument holds water. War criminals did not flee to Israel for shelter. Eichmann was not captured in Jerusalem but in Argentina. John Demjanjuk came from Ukraine, committed his crimes in Poland and spent most of his adult life in Cleveland. As for the OSI, true, it did get off to a bad start in its early years, but it has since corrected itself magnificently. Given the willingness of the OSI to share its experience with Canada's special unit there is no need for Mr. Hobson's unit to suffer the growing pains experienced by the Americans.

Wiesenthal frequently refers to the biological clock that is ticking away. The mass murderers of Jews and other "inferior races" are already in their 60s, 70s and 80s, and unless they are brought to justice soon, they will either be dead from natural causes or too infirm to stand trial. In Wiesenthal's view, this would be an insult to the dead and a betrayal of fundamental justice. Unless it is made clear to future generations, he says, that despite time and distance, those who commit acts of genocide can never escape retribution, the world can never be sure that we will not experience similar horrors again.

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Attempt on Hitler's life still casts long shadow

By
EBERHARD NITSCHKE

BONN —

"A courageous demonstration by the German resistance to the terror regime of the Third Reich"- that's how Chancellor Helmut Kohl recently described the attempt to assassinate Adolf Hitler on July 20, 1944 — an effort to remove Hitler and, in the words of Kohl, "restore human dignity and freedom to Germany."

The same year that is celebrating the 40th birthday of the Federal Republic of Germany is also marking the 45th anniversary of a day when men and women of the most varied outlooks and political convictions paid with their lives for their beliefs following a failed assassination attempt. Their executions, some of them taking place only weeks before the end of the Second World War, were preceded by sham trials.

This year again, the West German public honored the conspirators in the know — there were some 200 — who were taken into custody and executed for the message their deaths issued. In remembrance of the event Chancellor Kohl declared: "The resistance against the Nazi dictatorship remains for us an enduring admonition to respect the inviolable dignity of man and to preserve peace under freedom. This obligation to the freedom and dignity of man is indivisible and involves the entire German people. Therein lies the national duty to remember the 20th of July 1944."

The "revolt of conscience" against the crimes of the National Socialist regime had already begun shortly after Hitler's usurpation of power in 1933, when political undesirables and political opponents were arrested in large numbers, disappeared in concentration camps, or were "shot while trying to escape."

Despite massive surveillance by the feared secret police (Gestapo) and a network of informers, the organization of numerous opposition underground groups remained intact until 1944. Expectations of success in these circles mounted when resistance groups began to organize within the military. A letter by Major General Henning von Tresckow, later executed, to Count Claus Schenk von Stauffenberg, the colonel who was chief of staff to the commander of the Reservist Army and who would subsequently set the time bomb that was to have killed Hitler during a strategy session on July 20, 1944, but which only injured him, reveals the convictions at work.

Tresckow wrote: "The attempt on Hitler's life must be carried out, whatever the price. Even if it doesn't succeed, a coup d'etat must be attempted. The important thing is no longer the immediate practical goal, but that the German resistance can show the world and history that it risked its lives to strike the decisive blow. Next to that everything else is irrelevant."

These lines reveal the spirit of the resistance and make clear that the conspirators subordinated their lives to the spirit of freedom and justice, that in the darkest hours they thought of the dawn they would never live to see. It is this attitude which all concerned shared and which allied them, regardless of their varied visions of a postwar Germany.

The inscription on the memorial to the victims of the 20th July in the courtyard of what was once the so-called Bendler Block in Berlin — the former seat of the military administration where the immediate circle of conspirators was shot — states it aptly: "You did not bear the infamy, you gave the great eternal vigilant sign of return, sacrificing your ardent lives for liberty, justice, and honor."

Stauffenberg's bomb killed a fellow general, a colonel, and a stenographer, men who succumbed to their grave injuries. Only one of the two kilos of explosives could be detonated, and the attache case containing the bomb was too far away to have killed Hitler.

Compounding the tragedy of the failed attempt was the fact that co-conspirators in Berlin's Wehrmacht leadership sent a telex to the German military leadership in Paris with the text "The Fuhrer is dead" almost at the same time as German radio stations went on the air to announce that Hitler would soon speak to the German people.

The official phraseology described the conspirators as a "small clique of ambitious officers." Even the National Socialist leadership did not fully recognize the true scope of the expectations and goals of the various resistance groups in their attempt on Hitler's life on July 20, 1944 until the trials against the rebels got under way.

Political scientist Professor Peter Steinbach, writing on the occasion of an exhibition about the military resistance to Hitler and the Nazi regime, put it this way: "The National Socialists honored this shared ambition by persecuting and punishing all supporters of German resistance in the same fashion. They made no distinctions with regard to the degree of dissidence or resistance, of nonconformism, or of intent to overthrow."

The National Socialist organs of oppression now directed their efforts at the "confidence and the integrity of the resistance movement." The latter was characterized by the resoluteness with which many of those arrested in the wake of the 20th of July castigated the evil deeds of the German leadership and their minions and demanded punishment.

Stauffenberg, who was shot in the very night of his attempt following his arrest in Berlin, had written in a "concept paper" which fell into the hands of the Gestapo that "the current regime has no right to draw the entire German people into its perdition."

(IN-Press)

Tisha b'Av is time to mourn tragedies of Jewish people

By
DVORA WAYSMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

"It seems to me as if the entire people of Israel has been sitting for 2,000 years and weeping over graves."

These words were written by the Hebrew novelist M. Z. Feierberg in 1939. Since then, as we know, the prophecy continued to prove true with the Holocaust in Europe claiming so many innocent victims and the ongoing wars after the establishment of the State of Israel in which so many young soldiers lost their lives.

Yet do Jews mourn even when it's no longer necessary? Should we still weep for the destruction of the First and Second Temples even though Jerusalem is again the capital of the State of Israel and Jews from all over the world have been free for 22 years to come and pray at the Western Wall?

The Talmud states that on 9th Av one is obliged to observe all mourning rites which apply in the case of the death of a next of kin. This date commemorates many tragedies, but the main focus of the mourning is for the destruction of the Temple.

The First Temple was destroyed on 9th Av by Nebuchadnezzer in 586 BCE marking the beginning of Jewish exile. The Second Temple was destroyed on the same date by Titus in 70 CE.

Other shocking calamities also occurred on 9th Av — in 135 CE the fortress of Betar fell and Bar Kochba and his men were massacred, and Jerusalem was ploughed up by the tyrant Hadrian. On the same cursed day in 1290, King Edward I signed an edict expelling Jews from England and on 9th Av in 1492, following the terrible Inquisition, 300,000 Jews, led by the statesman and sage Don Isaac Abarbanel, began to leave Spain after Ferdinand and Isabella had signed the decree for their expulsion.

It is explicitly stated in the Talmud: "He who eats and drinks on 9th Av will not live to see the crowning of Jerusalem, for the Scriptures state: "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem and be glad for joy with her, ye that mourn her." This somewhat puzzling sentence means that the value of mourning lies not only in remembering the past and applying its lessons to the present, but also in recognizing the unity of our people, the roots of its existence and the prophetic destiny still awaiting fulfilment with the coming of the Messiah.

Tisha b'Av is symbolized by mourning, fasting and readings of dirges from the Book of Lamentations. The ruined city of Jerusalem is personified as "the daughter of Zion" bemoaning her fate. She weeps at night and receives no comfort. Her friends and lovers have betrayed her and she is exhorted to "let tears run down like a river day and night."

To the Kabbalists, the Jewish mystics, the 9th Av represented the nature of the world's incompleteness and the great need for the return of the Holy Presence to Jerusalem with the rebuilding of the Temple. The Midrash (Lam. Rab. 1) contains the significant statement that "The Messiah, the Savior, was born on the day the Temple was destroyed."

Tisha b'Av is observed in Israel, as it is the world over, with the fast beginning at sundown. "Echah" — the Book of Lamentations — is read in the synagogue in the evening by the dim light of candles with the congregation sitting on the floor or on low stools, and it is again read in the morning.

It was written by the prophet Jeremiah who witnessed the destruction of the First Temple. Then "Kinot" are read — a collection of dirges by Jewish poets of different ages. In Jerusalem on this day, hundreds of thousands flock to the Western Wall, the last remnant of the Great Temple, where they sit on the ground and pray, often all through the night.

Many Jews believe that the birth of modern Israel negates the need to mourn for the fall of Zion, whereas others see Tisha b'Av as a symbol for all the persecutions of our people and our sufferings in exile. In Judaism, however, despair is always tempered by hope so that we conclude the Tisha b'Av reading with the words:

"Turn us unto Thee O Lord, that we may be turned. Renew our days as of old."

Opinion

Saudi air force, Syrian army stronger, better equipped

Arabs beefing up forces but Israel still has edge

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The latest edition of *The Middle East Military Balance (Westview Press, $55 U.S.)*, one of the finest reference books of its kind, deals with a range of issues that bear directly on Israel's strategic posture in the region.

The volume is edited by Aharon Levran and Zeev Eyan, both of whom are associated with Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies. It covers the years 1987 and 1988. Considering the lead time scholars require to compile and analyze data, another year will have to elapse before information about the current calendar year is published.

Discussed in depth in this edition are the air and naval balance as well as the spectre of missile warfare. Ground forces, the backbone of any military organization, are mentioned largely in connection with Syria's buildup since the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

In his survey of the air forces of Israel and the Arab states, Levran — a retired brigadier general who specialized in intelligence-gathering — concludes that Israel still holds a qualitative edge over the Arabs.

But he warns that, in future battles, "some changes (can) be expected in comparison with past results." The kill ratio in dog fights, for example, could change. The Israeli Air Force (IAF) would still come out ahead, but would suffer some downed aircraft. And enemy planes, he adds, would have a better chance of bombing targets deep inside Israel.

In his view, the most significant development affecting the IAF in the second half of the 1980s was Israel's decision to discontinue the Lavi project. Budgetary considerations, however, did not affect the program designed to enhance and extend the life of the F-4 Phantom, the IAF's workhorse.

The major event in Syrian Air Force activity was the absorption of the MIG-29, comparable to the best American aircraft. The Syrian acquisition of the MIG-29, he writes, does not signify "an acute change" in the Israeli-Syrian aerial balance. But it does represent a "step forward" for Syria in advanced combat potential.

Turning to Iraq, whose war with Iran lasted eight years, Levran says that the Iraqis have demonstrated a capacity for aerial refuelling, ground force support and "smart weapons" (such as laser-guided air-to-surface missiles.)

These developments should be a source of considerable concern to Israel. But, in Levran's opinion, Iraq would face a far more superior enemy in Israel. As he puts it: "For most of the Gulf War the Iranian Air Force offered virtually no resistance to the Iraqis, whereas the intensity (of Israel's reaction) could well surprise and deter them, and would in fact very likely dissuade them..."

Levran says that the acquisition by Saudi Arabia of early-warning planes, surveillance aircraft and refuelling tankers gave it the ability to operate over long distances. And in this sense, the Saudi base at Tabuk, relatively close to Israel, is no longer the sole threat posed by Saudi Arabia.

Developments in Egypt merit some attention. Although Egypt is at peace with Israel, the fact remains that Egypt might one day resume its hostile attitude. The major event is that Egypt, having once been supplied almost exclusively by the Soviet Union, has Westernized its air force. Egypt, however, has failed to integrate its Western and Soviet systems, and until it does, it "will not be able to realize the full potential of its weapon systems."

In a chapter entitled "The Growing Threat to Israel's Rear," Levran speculates that in a future war — against Syria in particular — Israeli rear areas that were immune to Arab attack are liable to be hit by air, missile and perhaps chemical weapons strikes.

Syria, in light of its possession of accurate SS-21 missiles, poses the principal threat, he explains. The Syrians, too, are developing chemical warheads for their intermediate-range SCUD missiles.

Levran reminds a reader that the Arabs have already deployed missiles against Israel. During the Yom Kippur War, Syria fired Frog rockets at an Israeli air base north of Haifa, but they struck nearby settlements. Egypt, in the closing days of that war, fired SCUDS at Israel's bridgehead across the Suez Canal.

Naval warfare in the Middle East has always been greatly overshadowed by ground and air combat and, until the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, Mideast governments took relatively little notice of their respective navies.

In recent years, everything has changed. Three Arab navies — the Syrian, Saudi and Libyan — have undergone a dramatic buildup.

The Syrians have accorded greater priority to their navy and coastal defences for several reasons. Their navy was trounced by Israel in 1973; they seek overall strategic parity with Israel; they've expanded their economic infrastructure on the coast; they realize that the unimpeded flow of Soviet weaponry via the sea requires a credible navy.

Syria, Levran says, has expanded its missile boat fleet and acquired submarines and tank-landing craft. Despite this, Levran writes, the Syrians have not acquired the capacity to carry out a highly complex seaborne landing.

According to Levran, the Saudi navy has made vast strides since 1982. By 1988, it had the potential to become the "dominant maritime presence" in both the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. Libya's force grew, but its navy faces supply and maintenance problems.

Israel's navy continues to enjoy a qualitative advantage over its Arab adversaries. It is the result of several factors, two of which include a higher level of manpower and maximum use of electronic systems.

Levrain claims that Israel's future navy will be based on corvette-size missile boats and advanced submarines. (Since publication of *The Middle East Military Balance*, Israel has apparently postponed the purchase of new German-built diesel-powered submarines.)

Levran says that the growing terrorist threat from the sea has compelled Israel to develop a high level of coastal and maritime detection systems.

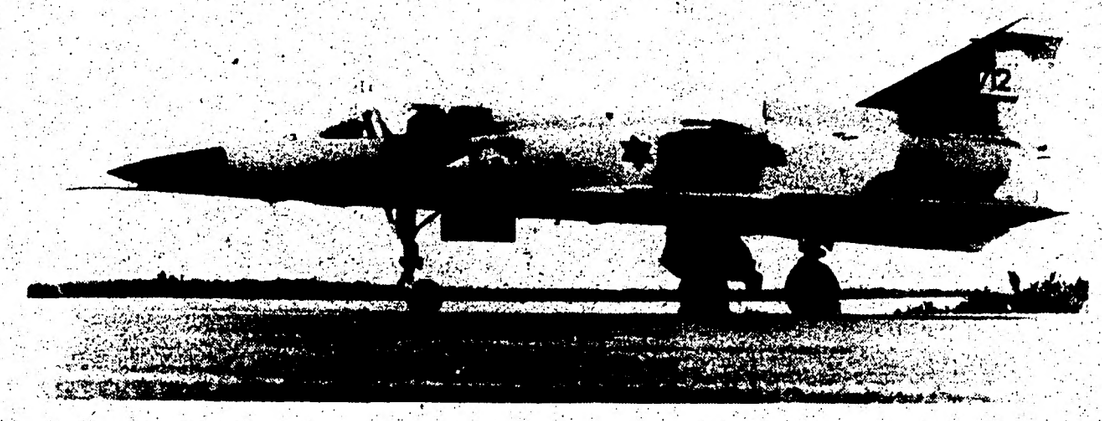
He perceives a "pronounced decline" in Israel's capabilities in the Red Sea since its withdrawal from Sharm al-Sheikh at the tip of the Sinai Peninsula. "This reduction... would render it more difficult to open the Strait of Tiran, should it be blocked, and to engage in long-range missions both in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Suez."

In spite of budgetary constraints, Israel's navy is capable of meeting successfully the challenge of the upgraded Arab navies, he concludes.

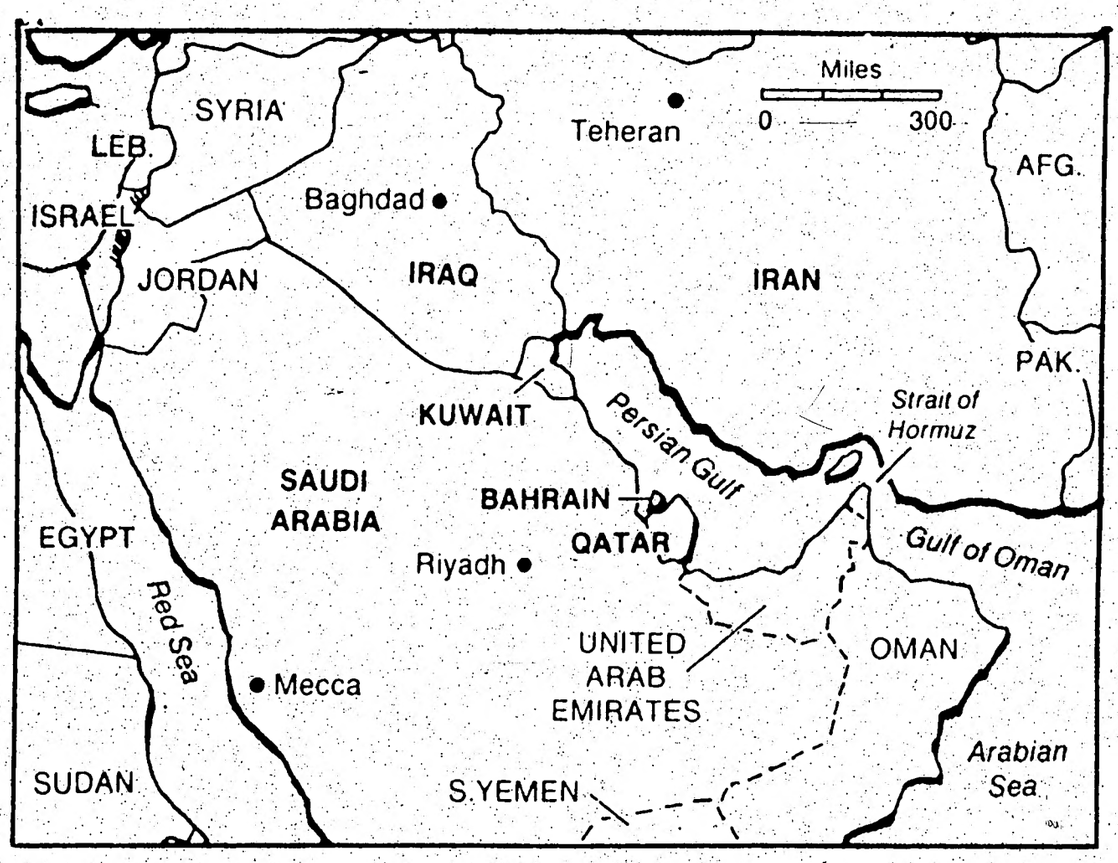
In an analysis of Syria's army, Levran observes that, despite cutbacks, it is "a formidable adversary" to Israel, particularly in defensive combat.

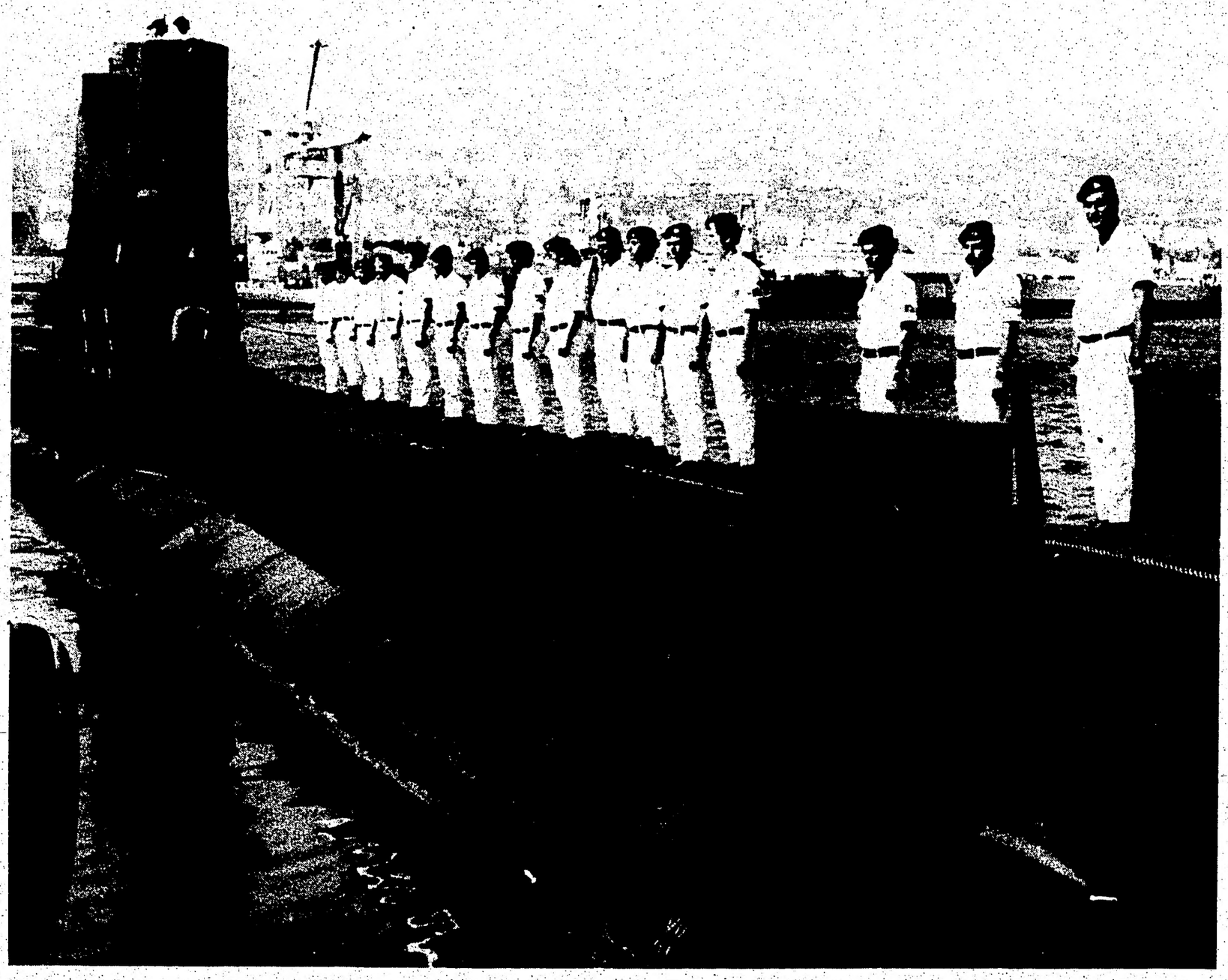
Syria's defensive capability is based on its network of fortifications on the Golan Heights and in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, coupled with its large contingent of forces and weaponry in Syria. He adds that Syria is capable of launching a "surprise offensive" on the Golan.

To appreciate these and other problems facing Israel, a reader would be advised to consult *The Middle East Military Balance*. On the open market, there are few, if any, comparable works.



Thanks in part to the Kfir, Israel holds the balance of power in the air.





Advanced submarines will be part of Israel's navy in the future. The sub shown here is an older model. [IPPA photo]

Opinion

It's positively "foolish" not to know about these fools

What? Our youngsters don't know of Chelm?

By
J. B. SALSBERG

As time trudges on, I become more and more amazed at how little our younger generation knows of our immediate past. For instance:

Recently I was shocked to find that most of our young, our "future leaders," have not even heard of the legendary Jewish city of Chelm, or of "the sages of Chelm" (in Yiddish; Die Chelemer Chachomim) who helped to spread the fame of Chelm around the world.

J. B. Salsberg

Mind you, it was said that non-Chelmer Jews, jealous of Chelm's fame as a city of wise men, of veritable sages, referred to the residents of that town as "fools" (Naronim). But Chelm's native population wasn't in the least disturbed by the falsehoods that the jealous "outsiders" spread about them. They knew that they, and only they, were the beneficiaries of the wisdom that the good Lord granted to the human race . . .

As a result, the fame of Chelm spread throughout the Jewish world.

It was also well known that many people took the liberty of adding contraband chapters of Chelmer experiences to the ever-growing saga of Tales of Chelm. In fact, many books of the "wisdom" of Chelm appeared in Yiddish, to the delight of a few generations of Yiddish readers and listeners.

Nor did the Yiddish stage ignore Chelm. One of the Chelm classics has become a pillar of the Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre of Montreal and that renowned theatrical institution has staged its Chelm, literally, around the world.

As for the highly regarded survivors of Chelm among us: they enjoy a Chelm story as well as everybody else and, indeed, they often enrich the wonderful treasure of Chelmer tales.

According to one Chelmer story, the community became disturbed by the arrival of "outsiders" into their town. They met to discuss the danger of foolish and backward thinking that the newcomers were sure to bring with them. As a safeguard they decreed that no Chelmer should marry any of the outsiders, so as to prevent the infusion of foolish, outside blood into their midst.

Another example of the wisdom of Chelm is about the mounting local complaints that the poor drink only watered-down milk while the rich drink only cream.

The dispute was finally brought to the local Rabbi, the wisest man in all of Chelm. The wise Rabbi, after listening to the disputants decided: The complainants are right and that, therefore, milk should, henceforth, be called cream and cream should be known as milk. All Chelmites were ecstatic over the wisdom of Reb Yoyzefl, their wise, spiritual leader . . .

Still another one or two examples of the wisdom of Chelm:

Chelm decided that contrary to the belief of the rest of the world, the moon is more important to human life than is the sun. Why? Because the moon shines when it's dark and thus makes it possible for people to move about; but the sun shines during the daytime when it's light and bright anyway . . .

Because of the Chelmer's pre-occupation with the sun and moon phenomenon, one Chelmite, renowned for his wisdom, purchased the moon from a Warsaw joker, while on a visit to that metropolis.

The swindler showed the moon to the Chelmite, safely contained in a barrel of water in the market place. But when the Chochem came home and announced his purchase the whole town gathered in midday for the ceremonial opening of the barrel to let the moon out. But, all the opened water barrel revealed was a reflection of the sun. So the Chelmites decided that either their townsman was swindled by some strangers or the moon doesn't want to live in Chelm . . .

Finally, the Chelmer were delighted with the thick blanket of fluffy, white snow that blanketed their town during the night. The scene was too beautiful to spoil, so no one ventured out into the streets.

But it happened to be on a Friday and it was customary in Chelm for the shammes to knock at every door in town to announce that Shabbes is arriving and all shops must shut their doors.

But it was also crystal clear to all Chelmer that the shammes must not spoil the snow scene with his heavy boots. So, the Rebbe Reb Yoyzfel, the wisest rebbe in the world, decreed that the shammes needs to perform his duty and announce the approaching Shabbes. But, not to spoil the snow blanket, he should be carried on the shoulders of strong, professional porters (treger). Chelm was delighted.

And that's how the mythical, not the real, Chelm lived and enshrined itself in the heart of millions of our fathers and mothers. Some of that wondrous magic still remains with some of us. May it continue for ever.

Oh, yes, the Dora Wasserman Yiddish Theatre troupe of Montreal, an honored tenant of the Saydie Bronfman Centre, considers (and so do I) their Chelmer production, one of its great achievements. Why not bring their Chelm to Toronto, Winnipeg, etc., for sometime next winter? Yes, why not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STRICT RULES FOR TZEDAKAH

Jewish people give to charity because they believe in the mitzvah of tzedakah and anybody who is in charge of collecting tzedakah is not allowed to spend it for any other purpose than it is designated for.

To spend tzedakah, for your own purposes or your own benefits, namely dining politicians, is committing a Neverah of Lo Tignof, which is a very serious crime, designated in the Ten Commandments, "Do Not Steal."

I would like to ask that the matter be investigated further to get all hidden information and to reveal the truth to the CJN, to show to all those who collect tzedakah that the monies collected shall be spent where it belongs.

Irving Stern
Toronto

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THE REAL THREAT

Since the establishment of the Jewish state in 1948, Arab states, abetted by other Moslem countries, have been trying vigorously but unsuccessfully to liquidate it by terrorist acts and by launching five major wars, confident, in their overwhelming superiority in manpower and armament, of erasing Israel from the map in a matter of days.

Having failed miserably in their efforts to destroy Israel, and unable to achieve their goal militarily, the humiliated Arab states have been trying diligently, with the complicity of the Eastern bloc countries and the so-called Third World, to discredit Israel, using all kinds of lies, deceptions and fabrications. In this endeavor they have been very actively supported by the media, finding eager listeners in the spineless Western world, whose leaders have been giving credence to Arafat's double talk and contradictory statements and trying to upgrade PLO's status.

In the meantime the Western world, and the Eastern bloc countries as well, seem to be oblivious to a disquieting development — growing Islamic fundamentalism — which may prove quite troublesome in the future, with Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, being its prime target.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

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SEEKS WIFE'S FAMILY

Angela, my wife of 43 years, is from Poland which she left in 1939 just prior to the outbreak of the war. She left behind her parents and five brothers and two sisters who she has not had contact with or heard from since America entered the war in 1941.

The following is her maiden name: Chane Doba Zajd born in 1921, Now known as Angela Beaver of the above address in Manchester, England.

Please send me any information.

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DISPUTES BBYO STATEMENT

In a recent article (CJN July 15), Brian Schcolnik, the new BBYO president, was quoted as saying that BBYO is "the only Jewish youth organization led by teens themselves and responsible for their own programs." This is not the case. The North American High School Organization Network (NAHON) was founded in 1982 as an independent union of Jewish high school students run by students, for students.

We run programs to deal with the issues that most concern Jewish youth. The fact that Mr. Schcolnik seems unaware of other youth movements such as NAHON illustrates a growing problem among youth organizations, a lack of communication and unity. NAHON has begun taking steps to remedy this dilemma, including several joint youth group meetings. A citywide youth group leadership seminar has also been proposed. For more information, 783-1165.

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NAHON Canada
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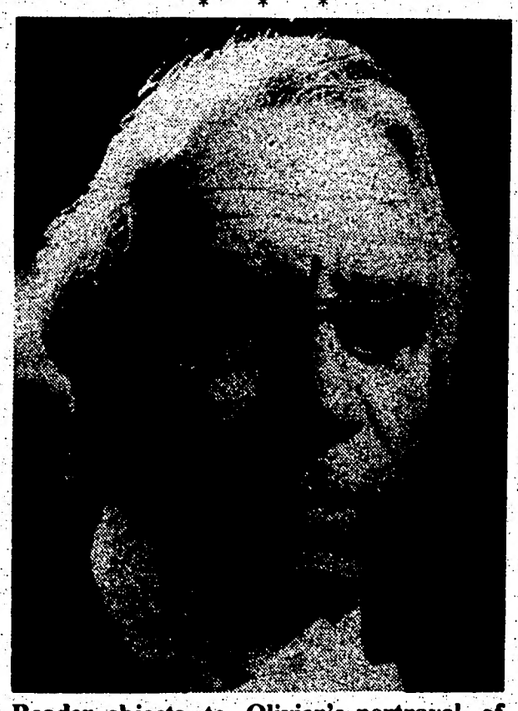

Reader objects to Olivier's portrayal of Shylock.

MERCHANT 'VILE ANTI-JEWISH TALE'

The showing of *The Merchant of Venice* at Stratford is a blatant, racist performance to spread scorn and hatred of Jews.

There are no socially redeeming features in the play and its literary merits are comparable to The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. The plot, except for the flesh scene, is stale. Man seeking the hand of a rich woman is as old as the hills.

The highlight of the presentation is the Jew Shylock demanding one pound of flesh from a Christian, while another Jew is sharpening the blade of the knife.

Only an opportunisitic reprobate could have invented such a depraved scenario.

Shakespeare, or whoever wrote the play, together with the present producers knew they had a sure thing with this vile anti-Jewish tale.

With untold millions impregnated with the theology of deicide of the New Testament, patrons would obviously not be wanting. School children are being bussed in to Stratford to be programmed by this perversion.

The message of The Merchant of Venice to the audience is crystal clear: Hate the Jews.

The leaders of the Jewish community and other anti-racist groups appear to have caved in to various pressures by keeping their opposition to this outrageous racist performance whisper quiet.

It is not polite in genteel circles to voice disapproval of The Merchant of Venice.

The dignity and credibility of the anti-racist stance of the Jewish Community will be undermined unless a public rebuke to the exhibition of this vile racist play is forcefully presented.

Nathan Gans
Montreal

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REBUKES BOTH SHYLOCK PORTRAITS

Re Frank Rasky's otherwise excellent review of *The Merchant of Venice* in your June 22 edition headed "Stratford Shylock is not a balanced portrayal":

I take issue with his statement that Sir Laurence Olivier (of blessed memory) offered a more balanced portrayal when playing the role as an elegant, cleanshaven version of Benjamin Disraeli.

In fact, on the evening when I attended, Sir Laurence was severely chastized by a lady in the gallery at London's Old Vic Theatre during the trial scene for taking on the role.

Olivier, stunned, stood stock still until her fulminations ended. He had difficulty regaining his composure and fumbled his lines thereafter.

I recently saw Dustin Hoffman play the role in London's current production of *Merchant*. I wrote him to complain about the excessive spitting, which was so overdone that I thought it was Charles Dickens' *Great Expectorations*. Was the Salivating Army recruiting? I asked.

In my opinion, the only way to make the play less offensively Jew-baiting is to replace the epithet, "the Jew," with "Shylock," a man who happens to be Jewish. It's the constant repetition of that appelation that induces visible emotions from my Jewish perspective.

Mort Greenberg
Toronto

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PLO'S AIM TO DESTROY ISRAEL

In response to Milton Harris' "Hard Questions for Canadian Jews" (CJN April 19, 1989). I have the greatest respect for Milton Harris, and I know because of his service to the Jewish community and his dedication to Israel, that the questions he asks, disturb him and other Jewish leaders deeply.

I know Mr. Harris does not forget the problems that Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon have had and are still having. Yasser Arafat's headquarters is not in any of the above-mentioned countries, but in Tunisia. Why? Where are all Arafat's allies? Every Arab country purports to be his friend, yet he does not have headquarters in any of them. The war in Lebanon was started by the PLO. What kind of legacy has Arafat left?

When negotiating with the PLO, Mr. Harris, who does Israel speak to? Arafat cannot control all his factions. Arafat has not promised to stop all terrorist activities within the West Bank. He considers the civil insurrection as just. He does not care that children, Israeli and Arab, are killed daily. Pressure must be kept up. For what reason? Free elections have been outlined. The start of negotiations by the Israelis for peace, has always been the aim of the Government of Israel. But with whom, Mr. Harris, does one shake hands to seal the peace bargain?

I believe the Government of the State of Israel would negotiate from greater strength, if the government knew that world Jewry and her leaders backed the government 100%.

Dr. J. Dimitry
National Chairman
Canadian Society for Yad Vashem
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PROFESSORS LACK "SEYCHEL"

As a small child I learned a number of very valuable lessons from an old melamed (teacher) in a private cheder. He was a very educated and a very modern teacher and often touched on many subjects not strictly the usual in cheder curriculum. Somehow, one of the hardest to grasp, was one often repeated by him that education and intelligence were two separate items. He claimed that there were many educated fools around, while it was not unusual to find people who, without education, but, with native intelligence, were doing very, very well. In fact many were doing well enough to hire educated people to do their tiresome detail work.

As I continue my way through life (I an now in my 82nd year) I am often reminded of my wise melamed. A few days ago, reading the rather idiotic letter signed by 14 Jewish professors at York University, I was again reminded of my teacher. In a tremendous burst of sanctimonious superiority and lack of seychel, they decried the act of York University conferring an honorary doctor of laws degree on the President of Israel, Chaim Herzog. What did these 14 accomplish or hope to accomplish from their high ivory tower? Certainly every Arab hearing about it is delighted. Beattie, his white supremacists, and other anti-semites, glory in it. But, what about your own people? How happy have you made the families of Israeli victims, who have been lost in a continuing war for 41 years?

I would like to refer you to an appropriate quotation from our ancient Pirkei Avoth (Sayings of the Fathers) which is just as modern today as always. I quote from Perik 1-14, Rabbi Hillel said: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? And, if not now, when?" May I most humbly add my personal appeal. If you can't help, don't hinder.

Joseph Alexandroff
Hamilton

World-National

Eklove, Matlow, Slivka

Soviet Jewry body has new executive

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

A roundup of Soviet Jewry news...

Sixty Soviet Jewish dropouts from transit facilities in Ladispoli, Italy arrived in Jerusalem earlier this month, a JPFS report said.

The immigrants, who were rejected by U.S. immigration officials, will be settled in Rishon Lezion, a town south of Tel Aviv, in a "direct absorption" project organized by the South African Zionist Organization (Telfed) and the municipality.

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A new executive has been appointed for Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario Region Soviet Jewry committee, reports committee director Ben Prossin.

Joyce Eklove, former committee vice-chairman, and District Court Judge

Judge Ted Matlow

Marsha Slivka

Joyce Eklove

Ted Matlow, a committee member, take over the helm as co-chairmen.

The committee's vice-chairman is Marsha Slivka, who is twinning chairman for Holy Blossom Temple's Soviet Jewry committee.

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Moscow Refusenik Boris Chernobilsky says he and his family have finally received permission to leave the USSR.

The former Prisoner of Zion — adopted by Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue — was originally granted permission last year, but a last-minute hitch prevented the family from receiving exit visas.

The mother of Chernobilsky's wife, Elena, refused to sign a waiver releasing Elena of financial obligations.

But the elderly woman recently changed her mind and gave her permission, Chernobilsky told Toronto's Soviet Jewry activist Genya Intrator in a call made on behalf of Beth Tikvah. Joining in on the call was Stan Solomon, the shul's Soviet Jewry chairman.

Chernobilsky, who will receive the prestigious Henry Moore Humanitarian Award from the British Parliament, hopes to leave for Israel later this summer or fall.

In the meantime, Beth Tikvah has adopted another Refusenik family — the Stonovs of Moscow.

Soviet officials allege that Leonid Stonov, 58, a herbologist, possesses state secrets.

The family also includes Stonov's wife, Natalie, 57, a medical geneticist, Alexander, 31, a vascular surgeon, and Stonov's mother, Anna Idlin-Stonov, 85, a retired biology teacher.

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More than 1,000 Soviet Jewish immigrants recently attended a concert at Minkler Auditorium organized by the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto, says Aviva Maly, a community centre secretary.

Performers included cantor Berele Zaltzman, of Los Angeles, who sang in Russian, Yiddish, English and Italian. The cantor is the father of Russian-born Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, who directs the community centre.

Concert proceeds go to the community centre.

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Vilnius Refusenik Georgy Belitsky has been adopted by Toronto's Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

The 53-year-old mechanical engineer, denied emigration permission on grounds he possesses state secrets, has been apart from his wife and two sons since 1987 when they moved to Israel.

Backlog blamed on agencies

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The State Department has blamed a backlog in Italy of thousands of Soviet emgirants, mostly Jews, on the failure of voluntary agencies to file the necessary applications for them to enter the United States as refugees.

The applications must be filed before officials of the Justice Department's imigration and naturalization service can consider granting refugee status.

The state department blamed the volunteer groups during a meeting recently with members of Congress.

"Until the groups did their job of preparing the documents, the immigration service could not do anything with these people," Ivan Selin, undersecretary of state for management, told the lawmakers, according to a congressional aide present.

Of the 17,000 Soviets housed in transit centres outside of Rome at the end of July, 11,500 were Jewish, Karl Zukerman, executive vice-president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, said recently.

Zukerman said that of the 11,500 Soviet Jews, there were roughly 3,500 for whom HIAS had not yet filed the applications.

They are coming in such large numbers that it takes "about two-and-a-half weeks from the time they arrive in Rome to the time that we get their papers to the INS," he explained.

Zukerman said HIAS would like to reduce that period to two weeks or less. He added that HIAS is diverting 25% of its resources in Rome to appeal denials of refugee status to some emigrants and to assemble thorough documentation to reduce the likelihood that others will be refused.

Since Sept. 1, close to 20% of Soviet Jews seeking refugee status have been refused on the grounds that they could not adequately demonstrate a "well-founded fear of persecution" in the Soviet Union. Half of those refused are ultimately granted refugee status on appeal.

But that could soon change. The House and Senate have each passed bills making it easier for Soviet Jewish emigrants to gain U.S. refugee status. Conferees are expected to iron out the differences in the two bills in September, after Congress returns from its summer recess.

The backlog problem was discussed at a meeting requested by Republican Rep. Benjamin Gilman, chairman of the congressional Ad Hoc Task Force on Soviet Refugees. The group was founded earlier this year by 10 Jewish lawmakers as a response to the problems Soviet Jews had begun to face in acquiring refugee status.

Of the 17,000 Soviet emigrants in transit centres at the end of July, 4,800 had been granted refugee status and were awaiting flights to the United States, Selin said.

Another 4,200 had been refused refugee status, 400 of whom had also been refused on appeal. Some 2,500 were awaiting interviews with officials of the immigration and naturalization service who will decide whether to grant them refugee status.

The remaining 5,500, Selin said, had not completed the necessary application forms.

The Soviet refugee quota has been set by the U.S. for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31 at 43,500.

USSR now has Zionist organization

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

For the first time since the Russian Revolution of 1917, a Zionist group is being allowed to operate in the Soviet Union in broad daylight, Israel Radio reported last week.

Some 40 people, from 20 different cities, attended ceremonies in Moscow last Tuesday marking the group's founding.

Aryeh (Lev) Gorodetsky, chairman of the Hebrew Teachers Association, told Israel Radio in a telephone interview that the time was right to renew the political Zionist movement there.

Gorodetsky said the prime functions of the new organization would be to teach Hebrew and otherwise prepare people for aliya, fight anti-semitism, and ensure the personal protection of Jews and Jewish groups.

Only two weeks ago, it was learned that a branch of Hashomer Hatzair, the Socialist Zionist youth movement, had been founded in Moscow.

The Jewish Quiz

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2. Tisha B'Av serves as the climax of the three weeks of mourning. When did the three weeks of mourning commence?
3. What does the Fast of the Ninth of Av commemorate?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Tisha B'Av.
2. On the 17th of Tammuz (fast of *Shiva Asar B'Tammuz).*
3. The destruction of both First and Second Temple (First Temple was laid waste by the Babylonians in 586 BCE, the Second Temple was burnt down by the Romans under Titus on the same date in 70 CE).

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Ball in Palestinian court, Canadian delegates told

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position of the unity government is the position of the government (that negotiators would have to be elected from the territories) and the ball is now in the Palestinian court."

In their meeting with Arens, the delegation was told that an important element in the peace initiative was the rehabilitation of the Palestinian population in refugee camps. The minister suggested that the financial support of the seven major industrialized nations, including Canada, was an important part of the plan and he urged Congress to press this point on the government.

Meanwhile, David Levy, the minister of housing from the Likud Party who opposes the peace plan, gave a "reasoned argument" for his opposition, saying he believes it will lead to a Palestinian state.

A meeting with Israel Kessar, secretary general of the Histadrut, focused on the economic prospects in Israel and the efforts of Histadrut to ensure fair and equitable treatment for Arab workers in Israel.

Congress sought information on a point brought up in recent discussions with Canadian Labor Congress President Shirley Carr, who participated in a recent international labor leaders' tour of Israel and the territories.

When asked about reported discriminatory practices versus Arab laborers, Kessar "assured us the Palestinians received the same salaries as Israelis when they were in unions," Scheininger said.

However, a large number are "illegals," working without official permission, and these workers are treated differently.

The Congress delegation also met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir; however, the meeting took place after The CJN went to press. (Next week's issue will carry a report.) They also met with Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Tourism Minister Gideon Patt, Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky and were briefed by officers of the Israel Defence Force.

"The paramount reason for this unprecedented visit to Israel at this time was to express the solidarity and commitment of Canadian Jewry for the security of the State of Israel," Scheininger said. "We felt it was important to impress upon all parties the urgent need to seize upon the window of opportunity for peace."

Scheininger said the visit will assist in preparation for scheduled meetings with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Clark.

Jamil Tarifi being targeted by PLO splinter factions

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One, signed by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, warned that "the bullet which reached Zafer al-Masri will reach you as well."

Masri was the Israeli-appointed mayor of Nablus who was murdered three years ago by a member of the Abu Nidal terrorist group for cooperating with the Israeli authorities.

Like Masri, Tarifi is being targeted by PLO splinter groups, even though the mainstream PLO leadership has approved his actions.

According to a report in Ma'ariv, Tarifi met with PLO leader Yasser Arafat at the end of last month in Cairo and received his permission to meet with Shamir.

Although Tarifi said he took part in meetings with Shamir only in a private capacity, he was seen as a well-known supporter of Arafat's Al Fatah faction, who would be unlikely to move without PLO approval.

Likud members were angered not only by Beilin's previous contacts with Palestinian leaders but by the stance Husseini took recently during his meeting with Labor's dovish Mashov faction.

Husseini told the Knesset members that upon the creation of a Palestinian state, the right of return should be granted to Palestinians living outside the territories. He left vague whether this would include the right to return to pre-1967 Israel or whether it would be limited to the territories.

Husseini urged Israelis to forget the past "and push forward the cart of peace."

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Justice Minister Dan Meridor was among the Likud officials who reacted with anger, saying Husseini's call for a right of return "proved the real intentions of the PLO."

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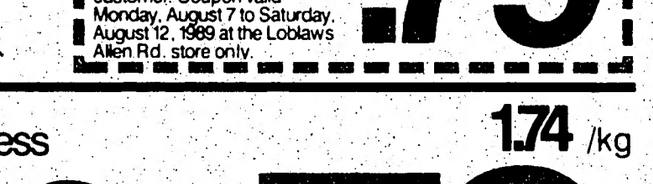

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The Hostage Crisis

Move may have closed off options

Jerusalem's strategy criticized

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the situation and the cause of any damage to U.S.-Israeli relations that grows out of the affair.

Though they did not criticize the operation itself, the officials also said the public acknowledgement may have closed off options for behind-the-scenes arrangements with either the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah movement or its Iranian sponsors.

The officials pointed out that by contrast, Israel has never acknowledged any role in the May 1988 murder of Khalil al-Wazir, a top Palestine Liberation Organization official also known as Abu Jihad. Israeli commandos are widely believed to have assassinated Wazir in a commando raid not unlike the one used to seize Obeid on July 28.

The proposal to capture Obeid was presented to Israel's inner cabinet three weeks ago.

The operation was approved by a vote of 11-1, with only Energy Minister Moshe Shahal of the Labor Party opposing the operation. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin was authorized to decide the details of the operation.

During the inner cabinet discussion of the operation, Rabin reportedly explained that all possible measures to release three Israel Defence Force soldiers being held by Shiite groups in Lebanon had been exhausted.

Hezbollah, which is believed to be holding two of the Israelis, had rejected a previous offer to exchange the soldiers for Shiites held in Israel, Rabin said.

Both direct and indirect negotiations for a prisoner exchange reportedly took place in London and other locations with the participation of Israeli intelligence officers.

The third Israeli is believed to be held by the more mainstream Shiite Amal militia.

In an attempt to explain Israel's position to the United States and deal with the political implications of the Obeid kidnapping, the foreign ministry set up a special team, headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who formerly served as ambassador to the United Nations.

The team released a seven-point statement which tried to clarify Israeli actions and reiterated Israel's offer of a prisoner exchange.

"Israel fully and wholeheartedly welcomes the call voiced by President Bush to bring about a reversal of the cycle of violence," the statement said. "It is in that spirit that Defence Minister Rabin publicly proposed to exchange all hostages of all nationalities for Shiites held by Israel."

The statement also pointed out that Israel made the decision to capture Obeid only after "peaceful efforts" to free its hostages had failed. It emphasized that the democratic world must remain united in the "common struggle" against terrorism.

The foreign ministry called on the "American people not to allow the outrageous terrorism" of the execution of Higgins "to drive a wedge between the U.S. and Israel."

The statement reflected the great concern in Jerusalem over critical remarks made by Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole, and the apprehension that the continuing crisis could create a serious backlash against Israel in U.S. public opinion. Emergency meetings were held throughout the day at the ministry to deal with the situation.

Officials were also disappointed with Bush's "even-handed" call for all sides to release the hostages currently held by them — although Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said that "Bush's call is totally consistent with the position . . . taken by Israel's defence minister calling for a comprehensive exchange of all prisoners and hostages."

The ministry instructed the embassy in Washington to contact Dole in person to express Israel's great regret at his harsh criticism.

The crisis has eclipsed the peace-oriented mission of Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly, who arrived for a 48-hour visit accompanied by State Department officials Dan Kurzer and Aaron Miller. Officials in Jerusalem now expect most of Kelly's meetings with the country's leaders to focus on the hostage crisis.

Outraged by murder

No U.S.-Israel rift, say American Jewish leaders

NEW YORK (JTA) —

American Jewish groups have reacted with outrage to reports of the murder of Lt. Col. William Higgins by Moslem extremists in Lebanon, calling the apparent execution cruel, barbaric and brutal.

But Jewish leaders also tried to play down disagreements between Israel and the United States over the events of the past few days, emphasizing in their statements the threats that both countries face.

"The United States and Israel are fighting a common enemy — international terrorism," said Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. He called the Higgins murder "a barbaric act that the civilized world must deplore."

Leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith issued a statement pointing out that "one of the major goals of terrorists is to foster dissent among civilized nations. The terrorists should not divert us from the main issue — the vicious and deliberate killing of civilians, as well as the taking of hostages."

Robert Lifton, president of American Jewish Congress, said that the murder should remind both the United States and Israel of the need to take strong measures against terrorism.

"The murder of Col. Higgins also emphasizes the great risks for peace Israel is being asked to take — and which it is in fact taking," Lifton said.

A B'nai Brith official criticized the attempt by some Americans to equate the holding of hostages by Shiite groups in Lebanon with Israel's July 28 capture of Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid.

Thomas Neumann, executive vice president of B'nai Brith International, said that "even the use of the term 'kidnapping' or 'abduction' in reference to Israel's arrest of a notorious terrorist is an affront to sensibility and justice."

Harvey Feldman, international relations director of the American Jewish Committee also decried such a comparison. Higgins, he noted, "was part of a UN peacekeeping mission, while Obeid was the commander of assassination brigades. There can be no equivalence.

"To say that international law forbids seizing killers where you find them is simply incorrect," he added. "Israel, like other nations, has the right to take direct action against those who attack its citizens or plan terrorist acts on Israeli territory."

The Workmen's Circle called for world pressure on the "Iranian masters" of Shiite fundamentalist groups to aid the release of all hostages.

European governments split over abduction

PARIS (JTA) —

European governments were united last week in expressing their revulsion at the murder of Lt. Col. William Higgins, but divided over whether Israel was partly to blame for his hanging by the Shiite fundamentalist Hezbollah group.

In Moscow, the Soviet foreign ministry issued a communique expressing "shock and horror" over Higgins' killing and blaming the deterioration of the situation in Lebanon on Israel's July 28 capture of Hezbollah leader Sheikh Abdul Obeid.

In Stockholm, Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson condemned both Higgins' murder and Israel's capture of the Shiite leader. Likewise in Bern, the Swiss foreign ministry informed Israel that it condemns both acts.

French political leaders have refrained from criticizing Israel or implying any Israeli responsibility in the killing of Higgins, but the French press has accused Israel of having unsuccessfully gambled with the lives of the Western hostages in Lebanon.

In a front-page editorial titled The Apprentice Sorcerers, the influential newspaper Le Monde said, "Israel has lost its gamble" and has started "a new cycle of violence."

The paper speculates that one of the possible reasons for Obeid's seizure by Israeli commandos might have been an Israeli desire to torpedo a rapprochement between Iran's new leadership and the Western world.

At the UN, the Security Council unanimously passed a resolution "condemning unequivocally all acts of hostage-taking and abduction."

The resolution "demands the immediate and safe release of all hostages and abducted persons" and urges all nations to use their political influence to expedite the release of hostages.

The Security Council voted 15-0 to approve the resolution, which was cosponsored by Finland and Canada.

The move came as aides to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar issued a statement expressing his "outrage and revulsion" at the announcement by an Islamic fundamentalist group in Lebanon that it had hanged Higgins, who headed the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Lebanon before he was kidnapped in February 1988 by the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth.

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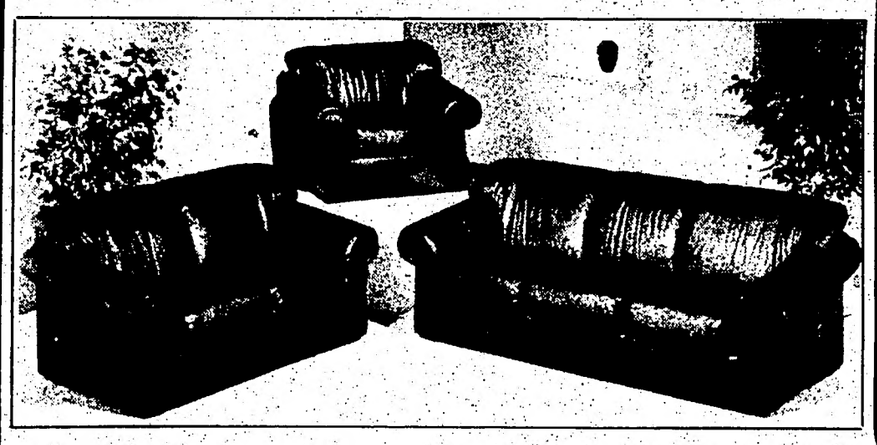

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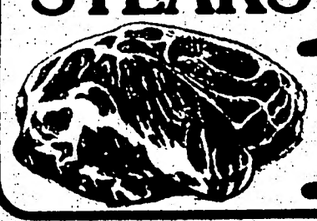
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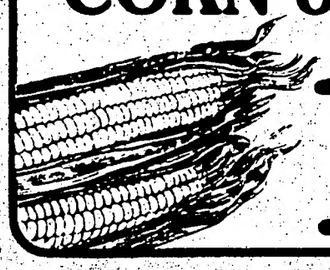
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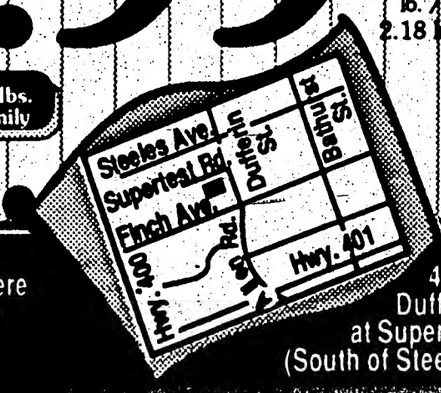

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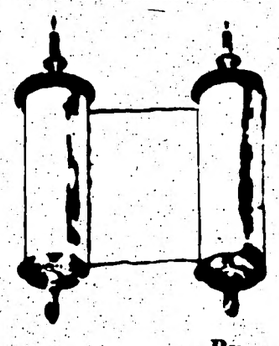

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By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

LAMENTATION FOR TISHA B'AV

The year is 120 C.E. An elderly Jew who saw the destruction of the Temple 50 years earlier sits atop the Mount of Olives, places ashes on his forehead, and remembers Jerusalem.

* * *

Rabbi Gottesman

Once more my eyes travel over the sacred ground of the Beit Hamigdash. Again my eyes climb the great steps to the Holy Mount. They ascend the Women's Court, up the 15 steps past Nicanor's Gates. I travel to the corner where the altar stood, fires crackling, glowing in the night. I enter the great doors of the Heichal (Sanctuary), stare at the sacred curtains that guarded the Kodesh Hakodashim, the Holy of Holies.

How lightly the eye travels, traversing mountains and valleys in a blink. I wander through my old, crowded streets of the Lower City, the City of David, that throbbed with color and life, the courtyards and marketplaces, the houses of prayer and learning, the merchants and children. I traverse the Western Hill of the rich, where fine ladies were borne in litters by beautifully attired servants, and princes and aristocrats from East and West came to conduct their business and understand the holiness of Jerusalem.

I see the pilgrims marching up for the Passover sacrifices by the hundreds of thousands, bloating the city by their masses, finding sleeping space in window ledges and tents piled against the great walls. I hear the sounds of Levites in Psalmady, and the thump thump beat of the hand drums, the lilt of the flutes as the farmers come up for Shavuoth to offer the First Fruits.

I see, I see! I see the southern portico of the Temple, a forest of green palm branches and yellow citrons that look like summer flowers. I gaze down upon the white ruins where once the ramp led from the Eastern gate of the Temple to the Mount of Olives and out to the wilderness, where the Azazel goat was dispatched on Yom Kippur. I see the myriads of faithful who fell on their faces when the High Priest, attired in mitre and sacred robe pronounced the Ineffable Name.

I see, I smell! I smell the sweet, sharp scent of the daily spice offerings that wafted from the Sanctuary and scented the whole city like a heavenly perfume, so pungent that the lambs of Jericho sneezed. I hear yet the roar of Gevini when he called: "Arise, O Kohanim for your service! And ye Leviim prepare for song! And ye Yisraelim to stand at the sacrifices!" His voice was thunder, rumbling through the Judaean mountains.

I see the beautiful gardens and forests that spun out from the holy city like a verdant bridal canopy. The ancient, thick olive trees with their gnarled branches and delicate silver leaves. The winding stone fences guarding flocks sent to the Temple for offering.

I see, I hear, I smell, I weep for thee, Jerusalem!

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I summon the phantom of memory, and re-enter the flame-scorched past, to enshrine the struggle of our people, to never let it die. For my sun sets swiftly, but tomorrow the sun will rise again, and yet there will be blue skies and peace over Jerusalem, and the voice of the bridegroom and bride.

Redemption will come. The Messiah *will* **come.**

Plan to follow careers in science

Brief, Levy invade male bastion

By
PHIL FINE

Elana Brief

Deborah Levy

TORONTO —

Elana Brief and Deborah Levy will gladden the hearts of feminists everywhere.

Not only did both teens graduate this spring from a top-notch school of science, they also plan to pursue careers in that traditional male preserve.

Indeed, Elana, who wants to be a physicist, eventually hopes to study in Israel at either the Weizmann Institute of Science or the Technion.

Deborah, who hopes to go into ophthalmology, will study biology this fall at the University of Western Ontario.

Both girls topped off high school this year with six months at the Ontario Science Centre Science School. Not only were they the only Jewish girls in the school, they were the only Jewish students as well.

Not surprisingly, both girls were interested in science long before coming to OSCSS. Indeed, Deborah, as a youngster, was fascinated with her brother's chemistry set and enjoyed both chemistry and biology in high school.

And, although Elana discounts the notion she's scientifically gifted, it's clear she too fell victim to science's enchantment.

"I always found it magical," she recalls.

How magical? Consider her reason for attending the Science Centre school.

"I wanted to be able to look at leaves in autumn and say, 'boy, those are gorgeous leaves!' and, at the same time, understand the biological processes behind them."

Indeed, on her OSCSS application, Elana explained why she believed it was necessary to be educated in both the arts and the sciences.

She certainly received a good measure of both. In addition to physics, biology and chemistry, she was also loaded down at the Science Centre with a blockbuster course in English: King Lear, Fifth Business, A Tale of Two Cities as well as book reports and oral presentations. Needless to say, she did a lot of studying.

"I would go home and immediately start my homework and would not be done until 12," she recalls.

But there were compensations. Students were allowed to use Science Centre apparatus (electron microscopes, lasers) when doing assignments. Classes were kept small to ensure maximum pupil-teacher interaction. There were lectures and scientific events in the Science Centre itself. Even bull sessions were special.

At one such event, students sat down to a dinner of edible cell models. (Elana's dish, a skin cell, featured marshmallows and lasagna on chickenwire). At another party, they feasted on pizza while reading term papers on garbage disposal. Run-of-the-mill pedagogy, it wasn't.

"It would not have been possible in a normal school," Elana agrees.

The independence given students was another benefit, says Deborah. Since teachers, unlike their public school colleagues, didn't hound pupils to complete assignments, students learned discipline and self-reliance.

"I grew within myself," Deborah says of the experience.

"We had to dive into our creativity," Elana notes.

Indeed, they did. To interest fifth graders in science, Elana's class put on a chemistry opera at Grenoble public school in Don Mills. The show told of the adventures of Humphrey, a failed magician, who is saved from disgrace after being taught to change silver into gold. The play was a smash.

"The students were coming up for an hour after we finished ...and were still asking us questions about it," Elana says.

The experience should prove useful given her goal of communicating science to the public. Indeed, she sees herself as another David Suzuki. If she does make it to the airwaves, she'll be well-prepared. While a student at Claude Watson School for the Arts in North York, she took drama and improvisation. She also worked as a hostess at the Science Centre itself.

So did Deborah. In fact, one of her happiest school memories was helping to host a weekend bubble festival. She also has fond memories of her class's whale watching expedition to Tadoussac, Que. in June.

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Beat Aussies to take gold in bowling

Canucks come from behind at Maccabiah Games

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

After the first three games of team competition at the Maccabiah Games 10-pin bowling event, the Australians had managed to accumulate a seemingly commanding 139-pin lead over the Canadians.

But as the immortal Yogi Berra once said, "It ain't over 'till it's over," or at least until the fat lady sings. Especially not with the aggregate of bowlers the Canadians were able to assemble.

Relying on their experience and putting out of their minds the less than ideal circumstances under which they had to perform, Howard Yankovitch (Montreal), David Rosenbaum (Estevan), Stephen Shulman (Montreal), Hirsh Schnayer (Montreal), Howard Sculnick (Montreal) and Phil Sroka (Toronto) erased the Aussie's lead in one outing in game 4, going 141 pins up.

Going into game 5, the men from the true north bore down and broadened their lead by another 39 pins.

By game 6, it was clear the pressure and the change in momentum was getting to the boys from down under as they wilted allowing the Canadians to win the gold medal going away.

For Phil Sroka, winning the team gold was an especially sweet victory adding to the "unbelievable experience" of representing Canada at the Maccabiah Games.

Proprietor of his own deli in north Toronto, Sroka returned to a sort of hero's welcome, with his restaurant festooned with a banner that acknowledged his good-as-gold achievement.

Others on the 6-man, 4-woman Canadian bowling team did as well. In fact, Rosenbaum could boast the largest single haul of anyone on the Canadian Maccabiah team, winning four of a possible five gold medals. In addition to his team medal, Rosenbaum won the individual competition, he teamed up with Yankovitch to win the doubles event and he won the Peterson point system gold, where scores from each event are accumulated and the top 16 bowlers compete in a 6-game "roll-off" to determine best overall bowler.

On the women's side, Toronto's Lisa Abush won a bronze in singles competition and teamed with Leona Shulman for a gold in doubles.

A rich medal haul indeed for Canada — more golds than in any other event — for a sport being inaugurated in the Games.

"We bowled well," said Sroka in a somewhat understated manner. Competition was held in lanes in Haifa, Petach Tikvah and in the 1-year-old lanes in Shalom Towers in Tel Aviv.

But "playing conditions were atrocious," Sroka recalled. The wood alleys were not properly oiled and the heat and humidity warped them. The adverse conditions seemed to get to the Australians, but the Canadians retained their consistancy to show themselves as the class of the competition.

Many in the Canadian team bowled over 200 on average, with Sroka racking up respectable 190s. "One-seventy-five to 180 was good over there," he said, "because of lane conditions."

Though they bowled practically every day during the recently concluded Games, they managed to get out in the evenings and make good friends with their counterparts from Britain, Mexico, Panama, Australia and elsewhere.

In fact, the camaraderie is the element that sticks in Sroka's mind when looking back at the Maccabiah. "The friendship was great, more important than the medals," he said.

"I'm invited all over the world now, Sweden, Singapore, Venezuela, Mexico, Belgium."

But before he heads to Latin America or Southeast Asia, Sroka has some more immediate bowling activities on his agenda. Come the autumn, he'll continue bowling in two Toronto amateur leagues — the Playtimers, an industrial league, and for the Leonard Mayzel team in the B'nai Brith's league.

After all, he's been bowling for 27 years. Why stop now?

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More Maccabiah tidbits.

A letter from Sidney Green of Toronto, who attended the Games as "a spectator and supporter," notes that in addition to the Les Albo's silver medal in lawn bowling, Morris Wolpert of Hamilton took home a silver in singles competition, losing the gold by "a narrow two points."

He adds that the team would like to broaden participation in the next Maccabiah in 1993 beyond bowlers who live in the Toronto-Hamilton area. Dr. Aaron Gordon, the team captain, is hoping to compile a register of Jewish lawn bowlers and asks that anyone in Canada interested in getting on the register, contact him at 3303 Don Mills Rd., Apt. 1505, North York, Ont., M2J 4T6.

"Thank you and good bowling."

High-speed rail system urged

OTTAWA —

The federal government should consider the development of a high-speed passenger rail system, that would increase VIA Rail ridership and profitability, and contribute to the easing of the air traffic congestion at Pearson International Airport, says Joseph Volpe, MP for Eglinton-Lawrence.

"There are operational high-speed train systems which travel over 250 km/hr, have increased ridership considerably and reduced local air traffic congestion appreciably; and are both profitable and able to repay their initial costs," said Volpe.

Joseph Volpe

Volpe, who participated in a Whistle-stop Tour last week, during which Liberal Members of Parliament and senators travelled from Ottawa to Toronto by train, said that such a system should be considered for the Toronto-Montreal-Ottawa triangle, and that a large portion of it could be privately financed.

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Organizations and People

Alex Singer kept journals, did sketches

JCC to hold posthumous exhibit of oleh's work

Sketch of colorful Israeli bakery is representative of Singer's style

TORONTO —

Self-Portrait of a Zionist, an exhibit of the art and writings of a young American oleh killed in action, will be on display in the foyer of the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre from Sept. 5 until Sept. 15.

Alex Singer, a graduate of Cornell University, was shot and killed two years ago on his 25th birthday by terrorists while on patrol in Israel's northern security zone. He had made aliya in December, 1984.

"Alex believed he was doing work that fulfilled God's purpose for Jews, *tikkun olam*, to perfect the world," his mother, Suzanne Singer, told The CJN. "We are fortunate because Alex left us two things: wonderful letters and journals and art that will help us keep him alive in our minds, a task that will occupy us creatively, as he would have lived and as he would have wanted us to live," said father Max Singer.

From their Chevy Chase, Md., home, the couple established the Alex Singer Project. A book of his writings, mainly letters and journals, will be published. Art and Action, an exhibition of Alex's drawings and paintings, opened in Jerusalem last September, and is touring Israel before coming to North America next year. The idea for "Art and Action" was initiated by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek soon after Alex's death. The exhibit was then implemented and directed by curators from the Israel Museum.

Labor group to hold dinner Sept. 17

Poale Zion marks 65th anniversary

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —

This year, Achdut Ha-Avoda Poale Zion is celebrating its 65th year in Toronto with a dinner for its membership on Sunday, Sept. 17 and the private publication of a commemorative book recounting the organization's history in Canada.

According to Harry Simon, vice-chairman of the Toronto branch of Achdut Ha-Avoda, the organization was first established in Canada in 1924 by newly arrived Polish immigrants. At the time, the party was known as the Left Poale Zion.

Many involved in unions

The majority of its members worked in the needle trades and were deeply involved in unions like the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, International Ladies Garment Workers, and Fur Workers.

"Today most of our members are retired," Simon told The CJN. He joined the party in 1926 at the age of 16. Over the years, he's seen a lot of changes. "There are very few (Jews) who are still in the trades," says Simon. "It's part of the deproletarianization of the Jewish people."

Simon adds that many Jews are still involved in the professional unions. "There are more Jewish teachers in Toronto than there ever were in the needle trades, but they aren't organized in a Jewish union.

"In the olden days, the so-called Jewish unions conducted their meetings in Yiddish, and so on. Some of those unions still exist, but with very few Jews still in them."

As a political party, Achdut Ha-Avoda merged with the general Labor Zionist movement in Canada in 1976, just as its Israeli branch (founded and, for many years, led by David Ben Gurion) merged with Mapai and is now part of the Labor Alliance.

In Canada, Achdut Ha-Avoda is affiliated with the NDP and defends Israel's interests at NDP conferences and conventions.

"At the Regina Convention (in 1983) there was a floor fight over a resolution supporting the PLO and condemning Israel," Simon recalls. "We were able to counter the attack, and the NDP issued a very positive resolution regarding Israel, and that resolution is still NDP policy."

Achdut Ha-Avoda has close contacts with the trade union movement throughout Canada. Over the years, Max Federman, president of Achdut Ha-Avoda, led trade delegations to Israel.

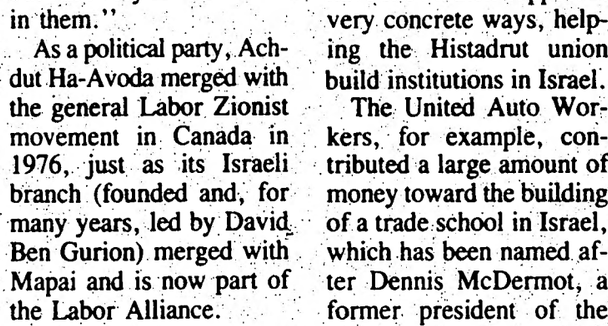
The trips garnered much support for Israel within the trade union movement, says Simon, and the unions have shown their support in very concrete ways, helping the Histadrut union build institutions in Israel.

The United Auto Workers, for example, contributed a large amount of money toward the building of a trade school in Israel, which has been named after Dennis McDermot, a former president of the UAW.

Achdut Ha-Avoda is also deeply involved in Jewish education in Toronto. It helped establish the Borochov School and Kindergarten, which in 1932, says Simon, was the first Jewish kindergarten in the city. The organization also supports Bialik Hebrew Day School, one of the largest secular Jewish day schools in Toronto.

Achdut Ha-Avoda also raises funds for Israel and sponsors lectures, seminars and a host of other activities. "In the Borochov Center (on Codsell Avenue) we have a senior citizens group — the Labor Zionist Alliance Senior Citizens — with close to 600 members," says Simon.

At the anniversary dinner, the speaker will be Haim Finkelstein, a leader of Achdut Ha-Avoda in Israel and a former director of the World Zionist Organization.



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Winnipeg chaplaincy is subject of review

By
MYRON LOVE

The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council Chaplaincy Committee, under the leadership of new chairman Dave Diamond, has launched a review into the current and future chaplaincy services needs of the Winnipeg Jewish community.

Currently, those services consist of one Jewish chaplain, Rabbi Y. Charytan — he was in the position for 13 or 14 years — for the city's 10 hospitals and Sam Malmed, 92, who has been visiting the Jewish patients in hospitals, on his own, for over 50 years.

"Basically, we feel the requirements are much greater and wider in scope than a Jewish chaplain can possibly handle," says Diamond, a member of the Vaad Ha'ir and former member of the WJCC board.

He reports the Chaplaincy Committee will be speaking to a number of people, including Charytan, and has been in contact with other cities to learn what sorts of programs and organizations they have in terms of volunteer networks, chaplaincy and para-chaplaincy programs.

"An obvious starting point is a bikur holim program here," says Diamond. He indicated one idea under consideration as well was finding someone to understudy the 92-year-old Malmed, drive him around and eventually take over for him.

Although the committee has not yet approached Malmed, he has indicated in the past that he would like to find someone to continue his work.

"With the Jewish population aging here, the community is going to need an expanded range of services for the future," Diamond says.

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In other WJCC news, businessman and real estate agent Sheldon Zamick has been appointed director of the Combined Jewish Appeal succeeding Neil Silvert who left at the end of June to take up a similar post in Ottawa.

A native Winnipegger, Zamick was on the boards of the WJCC, the JNF and the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. In 1987, he led a Young Leadership Mission to Israel and, in 1988, attended an International Leadership Conference in England and Israel. Earlier this year, he received the Harry Silverberg Young Leadership Development Award.

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Renee Ghert gets Wallenberg award

TORONTO —

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Introduced in 1986 and sponsored by New York businessman Fred Schwartz, the award is open to students of various academic, ethnic and religious backgrounds. Of the 1989/90 group, 12 students of 24 (10 North American and 2 Israeli) are not Jewish.

Ghert is the first Canadian to receive the award and plans to leave for Israel in September.

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Ghert was nominated for the scholarship by Georgetown University Washington, from which she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service degree, Magna Cum Laude, earlier this year.

Renee Ghert

This is a 4-year program and includes a thesis. Ghert chose to write on Israel at Forty: Moral Crossroads, Political Crisis, which addressed the ethical issues surrounding the Palestinian/Israeli conflict.

At Georgetown, Ghert was on the Dean's list for the four years and won an award for the highest achievement in studies on government in the class of 1989. On campus, she took an active role in Jewish affairs as coordinator of the Jewish Student Association (1987-1989).

A former student of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Ghert is fluent in Hebrew and well-versed in Arabic. She has visited and worked in Israel for the past seven summers.

Last year, Ghert, acted as research assistant to MK Dedi Zucker (Citation's Rights Movement).

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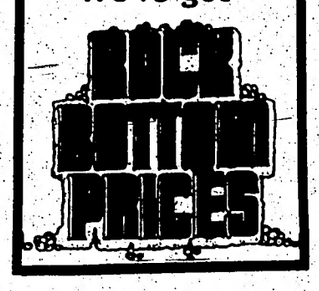

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Friday, Aug. 11

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., on Friday, Aug. 11, from 2-3 p.m. The program will feature Jewish, semi-classical and dancing music.

Monday, Aug. 14

JEWISH SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Jewish support group for families of gays and lesbians is set for Monday, Aug. 14, at 8 p.m. in the library of Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

If you are interested or know of someone who may be, call **Jack Kugelmass** at 787-3384. Confidentiality will be respected.

ARAB/ISRAELI CONFLICT

David Goldberg, editor of The Domestic Battleground: Canada and the Arab/Israeli Conflict, will be speaking at Chapters Bookstore-Cafe, 2360 Yonge St., on Monday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Prof. Goldberg and his co-editor **David Taras** have brought together articles by scholars with differing perspectives, all devoted to the study of Canada's policy toward the Middle East. The positions of Canadian leaders — from **Mackenzie King** to **Brian Mulroney** — are examined, as are the lobby groups who attempted to influence Canadian policy.

Chapters literary dinner parties include a fixed price dinner ($16.95) and a talk by the author generally followed by an informal question and answer session. Reservations are recommended. Phone 481-9203.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

SINGLES FESTIVAL

To mark the revival of Tu b'Av, a long forgotten holiday (to dance in the vineyard, chanting songs), Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, is sponsoring an open air evening of music, dancing, food, drink and games people play, featuring the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, for Jewish singles (25-45 more or less).

The date is Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 7.30 p.m. in the park at 4600 Bathurst St. The charge is $10 per person.

For information, call **Susan Jackson** or **Eti Young** at 635-2883.

VAUGHAN REFORM CONGREGATION

Vaughan Hebrew Reform Congregation will be holding an open house on Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in meeting rooms at the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre in Thornhill.

Topics of discussion will be Shabbat, High Holiday services, and the new kindergarten and grade 1 education program which is planned to start in the early fall.

All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. For more information, call **Fern Berman** at 764-6173.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH CANADIAN CONNECTION

For a weekend of enjoyment, be part of the Friends of Yiddish 5th annual weekend (sofvokh) taking place at the Blue Mountain Inn, Collingwood, Sept. 22-24.

Entitled Early Jewish Canadian Connection, it features guest speaker **Ben Kayfetz** speaking on Early Jewish Immigration in Toronto, along with skits, songs, dancing, Klezmer music, communal singing, Yiddish and more plus all meals and use of all Blue Mountain Inn facilities. So bring along your memorabilia and costumes suitable for the 20s and 30s period and come away with a greater insight into the lives of the early Jewish immigrants and how they connected to the Canadian way of life in Toronto in 1920-30.

For information, contact **Sandy Bokser** at 883-9403 or **Lillian Friendly** at 633-8407.

COMPUTER HEBREW & ART

Computer Hebrew is sponsoring an art-oriented program at 11 Walker Rd. (Yonge and Sheppard area). This program is most suited to early grade children. Classes are two hours long divided evenly between Hebrew and Judaica arts and crafts.

Computer Hebrew is also offering a program at the Lodz Synagogue, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst and Sheppard). Thornhill classes continue at 103 Dundurn Cres. (2 blocks east of Bathurst along Atkinson).

Classes at all locations are limited to small groups of 4-6 children per teacher and emphasis is on congregational melodies, Hebrew reading and comprehension, holiday celebrations, and Torah services.

Many students from the program celebrate bar and bat mitzvah services at the Lodz Synagogue, which also runs its own bar mitzvah preparation program.

Call Computer Hebrew at 764-0014 for details for all programs.

ART NATURALLY

Painters, craftspeople, musicians, dancers, clowns, singers, magicians, breakdancers and storytellers will provide the color and excitement of the 5th annual Art Naturally at the Guild Inn, an outdoor festival of the arts for the whole family being held on the grounds of The Guild Inn, 201 Guildway Parkway, in Scarborough. The event, presented by Arts Scarborough, takes place Aug. 12 and 13.

Admission, parking and entertainment are free. For information and events schedule, call Arts Scarborough at 755-2209.

FORMER MONTREALERS WEEKEND

Former Montrealers Couples Group has arranged a weekend at Niagara Falls/Marine Land Aug. 19-20. For information, call 764-0014.

YOGA VOLUNTEERS

The multiple Sclerosis Society needs men and women to assist in the adapted yoga program for adults with MS.

The program consists of three sessions — fall, winter and spring — and begins mid-September. Various locations and schedules are available. Experience is an asset but not essential as the certified instructor can train volunteers.

For further information, call **Mary Shapiro** or **Lynn Laccohee** or leave your name and number with the MS switchboard at 922-6065.

BOOK & GIFT SALE

For bargains galore, be sure to drop in at the book and gift sale sponsored by Chai Chapter, Toronto Women's ORT, on Tuesday, Aug. 15, and Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St.

You'll find a large selection of new books on every subject, cassettes, pictures, gifts, children's books and cassettes, cookbooks and much, much more, all at giveaway prices.

ATTENTION ARTISTS

Attention artists! The Daniels Corporation Lakeshore Village Art-a-thon challenges you to participate in a 9-day artistic marathon Sept. 9-17 when 20 qualifying artists will be given the chance to create an original work of art in a festive setting, culminating in an auction of the art work with proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada.

In addition, a first prize of $2,500 and second prize of $1,500 will be offered and each of the selected artists will receive a $700 honorarium plus $100 for supplies.

For full details about qualifications and submissions (to be received no later than 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 14), call Art-line at 447-3165 during office hours.

ONTARIO LUPUS ASSOCIATION

The following Ontario Lupus Association Coping Support Groups will be meeting this coming week —

In the Brampton area on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 7.30 p.m. at the Peel Memorial Hospital, Conference Room D, 2nd floor, 20 Lynch St., Brampton.

In the Mississauga area on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room AB, Mississauga General Hospital, 100 Queensway W., Mississauga.

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

Blood donor clinics during the month of August include —

Manulife Blood Donor Clinic, 55 Bloor St. W. (at Bay), Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 924-5955.

Downtown Blood Donor Clinic, Royal Bank Plaza Merchant's Mall Level, 200 Bay St., Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 7.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. The phone number is 861-0145.

Also, for information about other clinics held throughout Metro and outlying areas, call 974-9900 or 593-2258.

PARLOR MEETING

The Business & Professional Women's Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT recently held its first parlor meeting to raise funds for the ORT School for women pursuing non-traditional careers. Pictured above (from left) are Colleen Kosoy at whose home the meeting was held; Karen Rubin, outgoing chapter president; Judith Loeb Cohen (seated), president of the National Ballet of Canada who was the guest speaker, and Joann Smith of Winnipeg, national president of Women's Canadian ORT.

SYNAGOGUE FUND

From left are Morris Kaufman and Samuel Sable, co-chairmen of the bequest and endowment committee of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, accepting from Brondell and Paul Shapiro an insurance policy to establish an endowment fund in their names at the synagogue.

for seniors

Beth Sholom Seniors will be meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. The program will feature a speaker or entertainment plus refreshments. For information, call **Eve Donsky**, vice-president and publicity chairman, at 782-1068.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, an ongoing support service for widows 55 and over, meets every second Sunday from 1-2.30 p.m. in the centre's library, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 13. The group coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Self-Help Widowers Program, for men 55 years and over, meets every second Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the Wagman Centre library, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator of the group is **Alan Steinberg**. The next meeting takes place Sunday, Aug. 13. For further information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is planning several programs for the new season, such as line dancing with a professional dance instructor and the Psychology of Dreams and Their Meanings which will be offered on a regular basis...Ongoing programs will continue through the summer...A day at Ma-

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for seniors

rine Land in Niagara Falls is arranged for Wednesday, Aug. 30. The cost of $19 members, $20 non-members includes transportation and admission...Reservations for the trip to Israel must be made and finalized on or before Aug. 10...To mark special occasions, remember that donations to the Golden Book will go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526...Keep Wednesday, Oct. 25 open. A trip to Stratford to see a play is being organized. Details to follow...For information about all programs, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is showing a movie on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 7.30 p.m...Ongoing activities taking place at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard) include shuffleboard on Monday and Wednesday mornings and Tai Chi on Mondays from 10-11 a.m. Activities in the club house include bridge on Mondays, 1-3.30 p.m.; ballroom and line dancing on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; art class on Tuesdays, 1-3.30 p.m.; bingo on Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; fitness on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.; rummycube on Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; dances on Saturdays, 7-10.30 p.m. Also, the game room is open for ping pong and other activities, and the walk in the park with a group takes place Mondays, 9-10 a.m. For further information, call 636-7856.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On Aug. 16 a movie on Israel will be shown. For information, call **Avraham Leibovich** at 633-2630 or **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273, or **Abner Meir** at 667-0808.

Club Chaverim of the Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch meets on Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. for cards, bingo and socializing at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. This is an opportunity to make new friends and meet old ones. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Sunshine Seniors 55 Plus has planned a deluxe trip to Las Vegas on Oct. 29 for five days and four nights at the 5-star Sands Hotel...Also, once again, registration is being taken for the trip to Miami at the Colonial Inn for a 4-week, 6-week and 8-week stay. Registration is limited...For information about these trips, contact **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The annual book sale, arranged by the Lipa & Fanny Green Library Committee, takes place Tuesday, Aug. 15. This is your chance to pick up good used paperbacks for only 25c and 50c. The sale is being held from 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the hospital corridor (ground floor of the Baycrest Hospital opposite gift shop)...On Sunday, Aug. 13, from 2-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room there will be a social tea with visiting residents of Shalom Village and entertainment by humorist **Phil Cohen** and accompanist **Ella Krylov**...The Tuesday evening program on Aug. 15 features singer **Fern Dworkin** and accompanist **Noam Eisen**. The time is 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

The LZA Seniors Club special general meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9, was also a reunion for those who went to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills in July. In addition there was bingo and other entertainment plus refreshments...Reservations are being taken every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., for the winter trip to Miami commencing Jan. 3 for 7 or 9 weeks and Jan. 17 for 5 and 7 weeks. For details phone **Libby Ravka** at 782-2059 or **Belle Naiman** at 633-5841...A day trip to Stratford to see Kiss Me Kate is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 6. For information, call 630-9444.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

One of the centre's largest events open to the community is the open house taking place Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The keynote speaker is **Jim Peterson**, MP, who will be followed by speakers from different agencies and organizations.

The open house will provide an opportunity for members of the community to learn more about the centre's programs, courses and activities. Participants will have a chance to meet staff and centre members, see classes in action, be entertained and find out about upcoming fall programs and events. There will be hands-on demonstrations of craft activities such as soapstone sculpture, jewelry making and painting. First-hand information about health programs, Lifelong Learning Institute, day trips, volunteer opportunities and the Russian Club will be available.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is free. For further information, call **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112.

The next Sunday dance with the live music of the Creative Band is set for Aug. 13, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. The charge is $2.50 members, $3 non-members.

At the Wednesday afternoon social on Aug. 16 clap your hands and stamp your feet with the Second Mile Rockettes. The time is 1.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the entertainment. The charge is $1.50 members, $2 non-members.

On Monday, Aug. 14, at 1.30 p.m., Music of the Month is offering a special treat on video.

The literary luncheon on Monday, Aug. 21, at 11.30 a.m. features Oy Vey! — A Review of Jewish Humor Over the Century. This is for members only and the charge is $5.

at the jcc

The Jewish Community Centre is having a Splash Bash on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 7.30-11.30 p.m. at the North Y branch outdoor pool, 4588 Bathurst St. Sponsored by North Nites, it features live show, disc jockey, barbecue hot dogs/hamburgers, cold drinks, prizes and dancing. The fee is $8 in advance, $10 at the door. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 235.

WINDSOR'S IANNI HONORED

Dr. Ronald Ianni (2nd from left) was honored with the Negev Tribute Citizen of the Year Award for his outstanding contribution to Windsor on a professional and personal level. With him (from left) are Moe Closs, president of Chrysler Canada and Tribute chairman; Charlie Clark, Tribute campaign chairman, and Bill Tepperman, president, Windsor Jewish National Fund.

Original JCC Singles 50 Plus is hosting a bowling bonanza on Sunday, Aug. 20. Reservations must be made by Aug. 16. The cost of $11 per person includes cake and coffee. Shoe rental is $1 extra. Call **Risa** at 889-0813 for reservations and information.

The JCC Valley Singles Network is holding a splash dance and tennis round robin on Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Swimming is from 7-8.30 p.m., tennis from 7-9 p.m. and the dance starts at 8.30 p.m. There will be a deejay, refreshments and cash bar. The cost is $7. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813...A coffee and games night is arranged for Thursday, Aug. 17, at 8 p.m. at the Valley. Bring your own games. The fee is $3...The fishing trip originally scheduled for July is now set for Sunday, Aug. 20. Meet at 11.30 a.m. For details and location, contact **Luni** at above number...Circle Monday, Sept. 4, (Labor Day) on your calendar. That's the date of the Heat Wave Dance and Tennis at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Tennis is from 7-9 p.m. with the dance beginning at 8.30. Admission is $7. Call **Luni** for information.

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HONORED BY OTTAWA JNF

World chairman of Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel **Moshe Rivlin** was honored recently during his visit to Ottawa. Over 70 guests attended the reception held at the home of Israeli ambassador to Canada **Israel Gur-Arieh**.

During the evening, **Bob Gencher**, newly elected chairman of the Jewish National Fund of Ottawa, was awarded the Bernard M. Bloomfield Award. This award, commissioned in recognition of Bloomfield's vast contributions to the JNF of Canada while he was president from 1970-75, has been given each year since 1975 to a devoted JNF worker in Toronto, Montreal, either Vancouver or Winnipeg, and to a fourth person not residing in one of these four cities. The presentation to Gencher was made by national board member **Raphael Fleming** on behalf of JNF national president **Neri Bloomfield**.

Rivlin's visit to Ottawa was part of his Canadian tour which included stops in Montreal and Toronto.

MSW DEGREES AT YESHIVA U

Five Toronto residents were among the 72 students from throughout Canada and the U.S. to receive master of social work (MSW) degrees at the recent commencement exercises for the Block Plan of Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work in New York City.

These students are **Richard Filler, Barbara Fishbein, Mark Freedman, James-Michael Grimaldi** and **Angela Sosonow**.

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singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

Atideynu Lodge (20's & 30's)- Bike tour. Sunday, August 13. Meet 10:30, Lawrence Plaza (Bathurst & Lawrence) donut shop. For information contact Debbie 398-6328.

JCC Singles Network 7015 Leslie Street Thornhill is having a **Splash Dance & Tennis Round Robin** on August 13. Swimming from 7-8p.m., Tennis from 7-9p.m., Dance at 8:30p.m. D.J., refreshments and cash bar. Cost is $7.00. For information call Luni at 889-0813.

Original JCC Singles 50+ Bowling Bonanza. Sunday, August 20th, 8p.m. Reservations must be made by August 16th. $11.00 per person. $1.00 extra for shoe rental. Call Risa at 889-0813.

EMUNAH-DINNER

At the recent Family-in-Israel dinner of Emunah Women are (from left) Bea Rosenfield, outgoing president, Toronto Council; Baila Aspler, national president, and Ann Roseman, incoming president. Dorothy Zeifman was dinner chairman and Les Scheininger, national president, Canadian Jewish Congress, was guest speaker.

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The Block Plan allows students to complete degree requirements for the MSW in three summers of study in New York City while working for social service agencies throughout the world during the traditional academic year.

WINDSOR JCC DIRECTOR

Allen Juris is the new executive director of the Windsor Jewish Community Council, succeeding **Joseph Eisenberg**.

Allen Juris

Juris, having received a BA in English and a bachelor of music degree from Oberlin College, then went on to the University of Wisconsin where he earned a master's degree and a doctorate in renaissance literature. After teaching for nine years, he attended the University of Maryland where he obtained master's degrees in both social work and Judaica.

Juris and his wife **Gail** have a 7-year-old daughter, **Rachel**.

WALL OF LIFE

Joe Krystal (centre) presents a special award to Meyer and Dorothy Sokolow for the inscription they purchased for themselves for the Wall of Life of the Harold and Lynda Livergant neo-natal wing in the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba, Israel. Mr. Sokolow holds an additional plaque that they presented to their son Marvin for his birthday.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

Stan Witkin, (left), Toronto president of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, is seen with Louise Cornblum, chairman of the Canadian Order of Tel Aviv, and Rabbi David Monson, one of the funding companions of the Order, admiring the multi-colored "Ketubah" which companions receive certifying their "marriage" to TAU. [Brian Himelstein photo]

YAD VASHEM COMMITTEE

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem's special events committee has expanded to include four additional members. The committee helps plan and execute the society's special projects and occasions. From left are Shirley Wasserman, Dianne Korenblum, Joel Miller and George Berkovitz. For information, call the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem at 665-0110.

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For Kane, music always struck the right chord

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

Lola Julitta Burns

TORONTO —

A life laden with hardship and disappointments has been brightened for pianist Lola Julitta Kane Burns by her love of music.

"Music is my life; a part of my body. When I was alone, I would come home after a concert and talk to my piano as if it were a member of my family."

Although her favorite composers are Chopin, Bach, Beethoven and Mozart, she said that she loves playing Liszt, Tchaikovsky — indeed all the great composers.

"I love all music."

Born in Warsaw in 1935, she and her family escaped to Russia in 1939, ahead of the invading Nazi army.

Often cold, hungry, and sick, they travelled through Russia, eventually reaching Kirkegstan, near Manchuria, where they lived, and she went to school for 2½ years until the end of the war.

In 1946, they returned to Poland and settled in Lodz, where Burns studied ballet and was in the choir at the Peretz School.

It was here that her musical talents were discovered. When the choir conductor heard her play piano, by ear, "he couldn't believe I didn't take piano lessons," she says.

Indeed, she didn't even have a piano. It was not until she had completed her studies at the government music school for gifted musicians ("I completed the 7-year course in 2½years") and entered the academy of music, that the ministry of education gave her a piano.

During her years at school, she says, all of which were on scholarship, she also tutored younger students, and at the academy was assistant to the professor in piano studies.

It was also at the academy that she began studying the harp, which she described as one of the most difficult instruments to play — "even harder than the violin."

In 1957, by now married and with a daughter Atara (Caroline in English, from whom she is now estranged), her family, including her parents and 2 brothers, Chaim and Joshua, were allowed to emigrate to Israel.

So highly was she regarded, says Burns, that the Polish government even shipped her piano to her new home in Holon, near Lod.

"My future in Poland would have been very bright," she says wistfully.

Life in Israel was very hard for the family, especially the oppressive heat and the poor living conditions.

"I once had to pull off a snake that had wrapped itself around my baby's carriage wheels!"

Nevertheless, she received a scholarship from the Sharett Fund for Young Artists to study harp at the Academy of Music in Tel Aviv.

"I had to travel from Holon to Tel Aviv, three buses each way, to practice at the academy."

Finally, the Jewish Agency enabled her to buy her own harp.

As well as studying harp and teaching piano, she played in a chamber orchestra conducted by Ernest Paldi, originally from the Budapest Opera.

Unable to cope with the intense heat of Israel, she came with her husband and child to Canada in 1967.

Even here, luck seemed to elude her, she says.

Because she was not given the opportunity to play it or the means to maintain it, she had to sell her beloved harp, an experience about which she is still bitter.

Since 1973, she has been teaching piano from her home, both privately and for the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Her students range in age from 4 to 73, and she boasts that among the students she has prepared for Conservatory exams, "I never had a failure."

Since 1980, Burns has been giving concerts, mainly on a volunteer basis or at a nominal fee, for organizations, synagogues, and, especially, seniors. She has played, among other places, for Baycrest, Lincoln Place (where she plays once or twice a month), Holy Blossom, Hadassah, Workmen's Circle and at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Her repertoire ranges from classical music through Jewish, Hebrew and semi-classical selections.

"You have to match the music to your audience. To some groups, even movie music doesn't go."

At long last, her life seems to be reaching a kind of serenity. She has been remarried ("happily") since August 1987 to Bernard Burns, a manager for Revenue Canada Customs and Excise at Pearson International Airport.

Although he describes himself as "Having no talent for music, but I can appreciate it," he is an enthusiastic booster of his wife's talents.

"Whatever my wife does" — her hobbies are interior decorating, flowers and sewing — "she does well."

A bonus for Lola Burns has been the new family she acquired along with Bernard, especially her sister-in-law Bunny Rosenbaum."She has been wonderful."

She remains close to her own family, and once a year returns to Israel to see them.

Although she has been urged to return to Israel, she says she would never leave Canada now.

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Moslem consul-general slated to return to Israel

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Mohammed Massarwa, Israel's consul-general in Atlanta and the only Moslem in the foreign service, is to return to Israel this month after serving for two years at his post.

Massarwa, the first Arab head of mission in the foreign service, was recently told by the ministry that his stay had been extended only until September, and that he would be notified of further plans at that time. Citing family concerns, Massarwa replied that in this situation, he preferred to end his term of duty altogether.

Massarwa, a Labor Party member and former head of the Kafr Kar'a local council, was appointed to his post two years ago by then-Foreign Minister Shimon Peres as part of Labor's allotted quota of political appointments. His impending return has attracted much media attention in Atlanta, both in Jewish circles and among the general public.

Foreign ministry sources said that political appointees are given a two-year tour of duty, but admitted that not all such appointees were being recalled after completing their first two years. They said that the ministry could not extend Massarwa's tour of duty beyond September, because it is considering closing the Atlanta consulate and replacing it with a consulate in Detroit.

Officials said that Massarwa had completed an "exemplary" tour of duty in these difficult times — in the face of occasional hostility from right-wing Jewish circles. They said that Massarwa's recall is likely to damage Israel's already tainted image in the Atlanta region.

Eight Soviet students staying on kibbutz

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Eight young Jewish university graduates from the Soviet Union arrived in Israel last week for a stay on a kibbutz.

They were the first to participate in the Russian Orange project, which is being jointly sponsored by the Mapam-affiliated Kibbutz Artzi, the Jewish Agency and the foreign ministry.

The students will attend a special Hebrew-language ulpan set up for them at Kibbutz Ein Dor for 10 to 12 weeks, and will also work half a day on the kibbutz.

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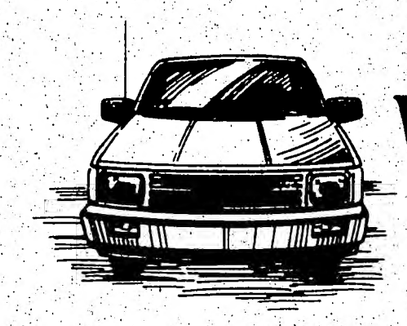

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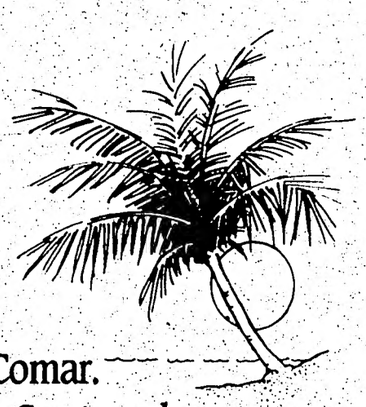

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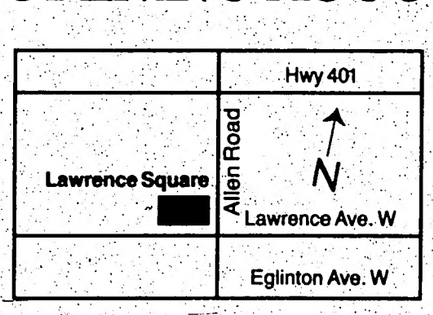

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Organizations and People

Peres arranged expedition

Rare vulture has always intrigued Israeli zoologist

By
SARAH HONIG

TEL AVIV (JPFS) — In December, 1945, in defiance of the British mandatory authorities' ban on any Jewish presence in the Negev, David Ben-Gurion asked Shimon Persky to organize an expedition into the forbidden territory.

Persky asked zoologist Heinrich Mendelsohn of Tel Aviv's Biological Pedagogic Institute to join. Mendelsohn, who in time would become head of Tel Aviv University's zoology department and dean of the university's science faculty, agreed.

The group left clandestinely under the cover of darkness and proceeded on camelback, accompanied by Beduin guides. On the way, Persky became impressed with the big, bearded vultures they came across. He asked Mendelsohn about the bird and was told that its Hebrew name is peres. On the spot, Persky decided to adopt the bird's name, and that is how today's Labor Party leader got his surname.

Mendelsohn, however, notes that Shimon Peres had "quite a bit of trouble with his choice. Given our national preoccupation with ornithological political categories of doves and hawks, Peres came in for a lot of ribbing by those who noted that his namesake is not just a carrion eater but a cowardly one at that, which doesn't even vie with other carrion eaters for the carcasses of dead animals.

"Instead, it feeds on what the hyenas and other predators leave over. This often means little more than bones, which the peres picks up, flies high with and then throws down on the rocks, thereby cracking the bones, which it then devors. The bearded vulture is unique in this respect in the bird world."

But it was another vulture that gripped Mendelsohn's attention on that 1945 expedition. It was a huge brown vulture, with a pink head and a nape that gets flushed when the bird is excited. In fact, it was the largest lappet-faced vulture ozinah — in Hebrew — and only the third specimen of the breed, that Mendelsohn had ever seen. It was the first time he had ever seen it in the wild and the first confirmation he had as to its natural habitat.

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When Mendelsohn came to Palestine from Germany in 1933, he had only known about the various African varieties of the lappet-faced vulture and wasn't even aware of the existence of a local subspecies, let alone such a huge one. He was first surprised in 1938, when he saw a local taxidermist work on one for a private collection. It was different from anything he had seen in Europe, but no one knew much about it, and the bird remained a mystery.

A few years later some Beduins trapped one and sold it to a British army captain, who presented it to the London Zoo, where it lived for some 20 years. This was the first live specimen Mendelsohn saw, and this strange, unknown bird continued to intrigue him until the 1945 outing with Persky-Peres.

He found the lappet-faced vulture, which had since been awarded the scientific appellation Torgos Tracheliotus Negevensis, in huge nests constructed among acacia trees in the Arava wadis. The birds were preparing their winter lodgings, and now finally Mendelsohn "knew where they lived. The mystery was unravelling. They really existed.

"In time we learned that they construct alternative nests, changing accommodations each year and returning to the old nest only after all the parasites that had accumulated there die out. In those days the vultures had lots of food. Being carrion eaters, they fed on the Beduins' dead goats and camels, and since the Negev then had several thousand gazelles, they, too, provided the occasional carcass."

The biggest and strongest by far of all five species of vultures found in Israel, the local subspecies of the lappet-faced vulture has very different feeding habits from Peres' bearded vulture. Being so powerful, it is the bird that gets first crack at the carcass. In fact, its bill is so hardy that it can tear even the very thick camel skin.

Other scavangers usually feed on the soft parts of carcasses that the lappet-faced vulture has opened. It can devour only about one kilogram per sitting, but it supplements its diet with small desert rodents and reptiles.

This vulture weighs on the average between eight and 10 kilograms and its wing spread extends to nearly three metres. In fact, so big is the bird that it is only slightly exceeded in size by the magnificent California condor, also a vulture, and today an endangered species. The Negevensis is no less magnificent, but were it not for Mendelsohn, it would already be extinct.

"The difference is that the American government spends a million dollars a year to save its treasured condor, whereas here only paltry sums are available and all from the anyway limited budget of Tel Aviv University. This is all very costly."

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When Mendelsohn first encountered these hardly known birds in their desert nests, their lives were relatively untroubled. Their sole disturbance came from Beduins who used to pelt the nests with stones, erroneously believing the birds to be hunters who endanger their goat kids. There was also evidence that sometimes the Beduins would roast and eat these vultures.

Ozinah vulture in the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo.

In 1945, Mendelsohn assumed that there were some 30 Negevensis pairs in the Negev.

"This might not sound like much, but it is just right. This is just the size of population that an ecological niche like the Negev, with sparse food resources, can support. At the time, for all we knew this was the only area in the world where this bird was to be found, but in recent years the same sub-species has been discovered 500 kilometres to the south and to the east of Eilat in Saudi Arabia, where they are also endangered and where nothing is being done for them. Apart from these locations, our sub-species has not been spotted anywhere on the globe."

The lappet-faced vulture's trouble began with civilization's forward march into the Negev.

"Trigger-happy soldiers would take aim at the birds. The worst offenders were the Druse. At least eight birds were lost this way; and this is not only the loss of the individual but really of the couple and its reproductive potential. This is a terrible loss for such a small population with such a low reproductive rate," Mendelsohn stressed.

"To make matters worse, agricultural experts, with no idea of ecology, began to use poison to check the damage done by rodents to crops. Young lappet-faced vultures disperse, so as not to compete for food with their parents. They met their deaths feeding on poisoned field mice. According to a survey conducted in 1964, only 300 gazelles were then left in the Negev. Beduin herds were removed from the southern Arava and thus more food sources were lost for the vultures."

"But worst of all were the nature lovers. There is no overstating the amount of damage they caused when they climbed up to the nests to get a close look, frightening the parents away and leaving precious eggs exposed. Here was another cause of mortality.

"Then came the occasional electrocution of a bird on high-tension wires, and in the early 1970s, unknown to us, there was even a European trapper working illegally and smuggling at least six live birds to European zoos, as well as dead victims to taxidermists. The Paris Zoo returned two such illegally procured birds, but they were already too old for breeding."

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The sad bottom line of this splendid rare bird's woes is that today there is only one single pair left in the wild. It has had trouble reproducing, and may by now be just too old to produce hardy offspring. The silver lining, however, is that there now are 12 birds at Tel Aviv University's zoological garden, where original methods are sometimes used to secure the survival of their kind.

The rescue operation began in 1975, when only seven pairs of birds were left.

"We obtained three young birds, two of which are still alive. Actually, we had a few nestlings even before we began to talk about establishing a breeding group in captivity. A 'nature lover' who saw fit to remove a chick from the nest brought it to us back in 1951. That bird has died. But the next nestling we got, in 1955, is still with us. We call her Rosa.

"She came to us when a few weeks old, and altough she had some memory of her nest life, having been surrounded by humans all the time from so tender an age, she identified herself with people and pretty much lost her bird identity in a process called imprinting."

During this writer's visit, Rosa was indeed the only one in her aviary not to make a fuss and vociferously protest our intrusion. She just nonchalantly ignored us.

Rosa has become a legend at the university zoo, because she fell in love with a man rather than with one of her own. Lappet-faced vultures mature at five years of age, and so did Rosa, but the object of her ardent affections was Ya'acov Segal, her keeper.

"He would sit and pet her, and then we noticed that she was making typical love declarations to him. Vultures do so by stretching their heads upwards with the bill away from their mate, as if demonstrating that they have no hostile intentions.

"Following a half-hour of this they feel safe, touch bills and preen each other. After this courting they are paired for life. They are strictly monogamous, with absolutely no adultery till death doth them part. Well, Rosa picked Ya'acov for her mate," Mendelsohn said. "So much so, that each year she would lay an egg for him, which, needless to say, was infertile."

After five years of this, the university zoology department tried making a more suitable match for her.

"We got a male vulture who had been hurt in a road accident. This was no easy match, because Rosa was imprinted on humans. So we forced a divorce between Rosa and Ya'acov, forbade him to come near her, and we put her and the male together. Being a normal fellow who knew how to behave to a lady, he started courting her," Mendelsohn said.

It took a while, but then Rosa seemed to yield to the male's advances and the two built a huge nest of twigs and branches and lined the shallow mould in the centre with soft dry grass. But alas, there is nothing like a first and true love. This was only a marriage of convenience.

"For him, Rosa didn't lay any eggs at all. This fruitless relationship lasted some four years, till he died childless, poor guy. Ya'acov was then permitted to renew contacts with Rosa and voila — she was laying eggs again," Mendelsohn laughed.

He assumes that "because she had some memory of her parents, she succeeded in pairing with another bird, but she needed Ya'acov for stimulation. Last year he retired, so she again stopped laying eggs. This year, he visited her and this resulted in another egg.

"We thought of a combination of Ya'acov and artificial insemination for Rosa, but we have no imprinted male from whom we could get semen. We do have a crippled vulture, but, being undomesticated, he gets panicky when handled. We have been offered help from the Veterinary Institute, and perhaps with their experience they will succeed were we couldn't."

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There are other romantic sagas at the small zoo compound, replete with gory tales of jealousy and murder.

One young couple started to construct their nest only to discover that an aggressive female was laying claim to it. The couple and the female fought over it until one morning the zoo personnel discovered the young male's body all bloodied and ripped apart.

"I couldn't imagine that non-humans could do this to their own kind," Mendelsohn said.

In time, the young widow was mated to another young male. Mendelsohn had this writer climb a ladder to peek at their nest, telling me that I was "privileged — not too many people get a chance to see such a nest." This couple recently laid an egg, which was soon removed from the nest, "thereby stimulating the parents to produce a replacement egg. In this way, we hope to get an extra chick from them. They now are taking turns incubating the second egg, with the male doing a bit more of the chore."

Mendelsohn took me to a small room, where he opened a locked crate padded with straw and lined with mirrors. With its head on a small white towel lay a frail, down-covered 5-day-old chick. It was hatched from the first egg removed from the couple's nest.

The closed crate and the mirrors are Mendelsohn's own invention — "to prevent the creation of more Rosas, to make sure the little chick is not imprinted on humans. We keep the chick's exposure to humans to a bare minimum of very brief feeding sessions. Otherwise, the chick sees no people, but it does see its own mirror image. When old enough (the bird completes its physical growth in a mere four months), we move it to a cage among its own kind. In this way we have succeeded in rearing several perfectly normal, non-imprinted birds.

"This is our own original method. In California, where the same problem exists with the condor, they devised a hand puppet in the shape of a condor, with which the bird is handled, so that it is not exposed to human features. But I didn't like the puppet.

"It can't really emulate nature, lacking facial expressions, etc. I like our method far better. We got this chick's parents when

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Efforts made to prevent rare vulture's extinction

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they were also nestlings and we reared them in the same way with full success. Since our rescue program began, we had two chicks born here and we raised 10 other nestlings."

The good news, Mendelsohn reported, is that there is a good chance that "the female killer has been rehabilitated. She now is courted by a young lover, and it is hoped that the two will pair and produce offspring. So out of the dozen birds we have, there is one certain couple and one maybe."

Besides the single Rosa and the crippled male, there is another male "who is a confirmed bachelor. Despite persistent romantic overtures by one of the females, he is showing no response. He himself has shown no interest in courting, despite the fact that he now is 14 and that the birds often start pairing at two, before their maturity.

"In all, these birds are hard to mate. They don't behave like dogs in heat and we have to wait until they pair off. Then they need to be separated, because they are fiercely territorial and not social enough to nest communally.

"Actually, to prevent inbreeding we would need five different pairs of different origins, which is why we would so like to have a chick from Rosa, if we are not already too late," Mendelsohn said.

He thinks it may be "too late for the single couple left in the wild. That pair produced a chick in 1987. It came down with an infection, which blinded it. Its eyes were filled with pus, and though treated, it later died.

"In 1988, the pair produced an infertile egg and this year's egg was removed from the nest to encourage the production of a replacement egg. The chick from the first egg, however, died from too much urea in its kidneys. The couple now is incubating its second egg and we are hopeful, though we fear that they just may be past the age of producing viable young."

But whether fertile or not, that last couple in the wild, now residing at the Hai-Bar Nature Reserve, still has a most crucial role to play in the uphill battle to rescue its sub-species from extinction.

"Our plan and hope is to put a group of vultures back in the Hai-Bar Reserve. We are keen to do it soon, as long as the last surviving wild pair is still around, so that it can teach the others how to behave in nature, roost, etc. It's vital to keep this pair around to guide young birds."

Despite the apparently overwhelming odds against the survival of the Torgos Tracheliotus Negevensis, Mendelsohn is hopeful. His greatest worry is man-made: "It's money. It would be a shame if we lost this very special bird because we didn't have the wherewithal to prevent its extinction."

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Agudath Israel's Vaad L'Hatzolas Nidchei Yisroel (Rescue Committee) has also set in motion plans for the opening of chedorim for elementary school children.

These were among the key decisions of a two-day conference of leaders here of Agudath Israel chapters from seven European countries meeting at the Jewish Community House.

The conference also mapped plans to safeguard the continued practice of she'chitah on the European continent, which lately is being threatened in some countries, and resolved to broaden the scope of the activities of the movement's Iran Rescue Committee to embrace several other countries where Jews are in danger.

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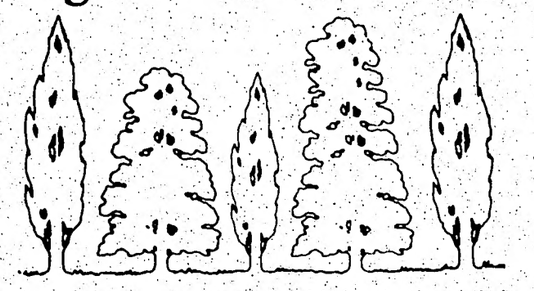

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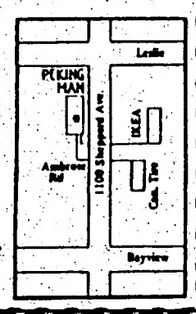

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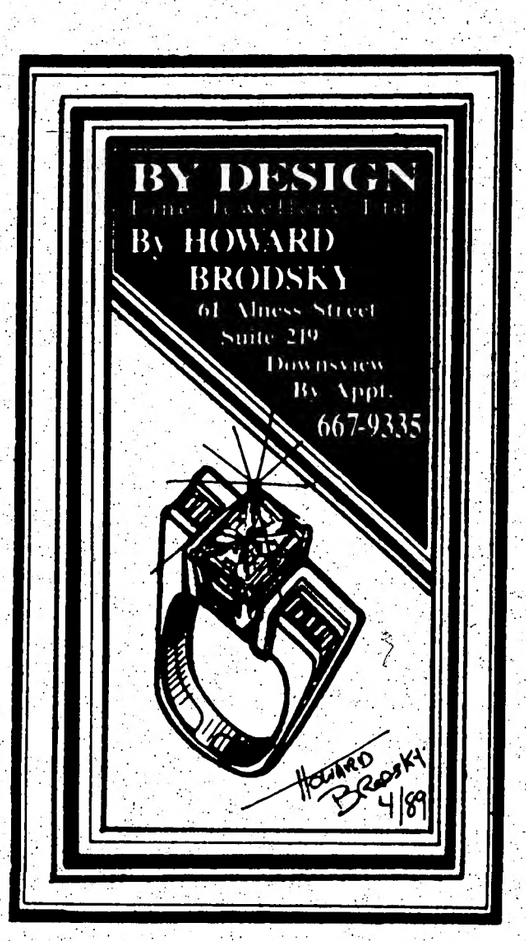

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Derives pleasure from his work

Sung's elegant jewelry is timeless

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The artist's lips twisted sardonically as he answered the question.

"Fine jewelry does not follow trends," he said leaning forward to press the point home.

And he should know. Beni Sung is a fine jewelry designer, renowned for his work with exotic pearls.

"But, isn't that a stick pin? Sure, it has a huge pearl and some diamonds, but it is, nevertheless, a stick pin. Right now, they're the newest in jewelry trends, aren't they?" The question is asked naively.

"Okay," he admitted leaning back in the chair, "what we do is borrow from the original idea and tranform it with our own style." The smile was impish.

Warming to his subject, Sung explained how some of his designs were copies of everyday items and structures.

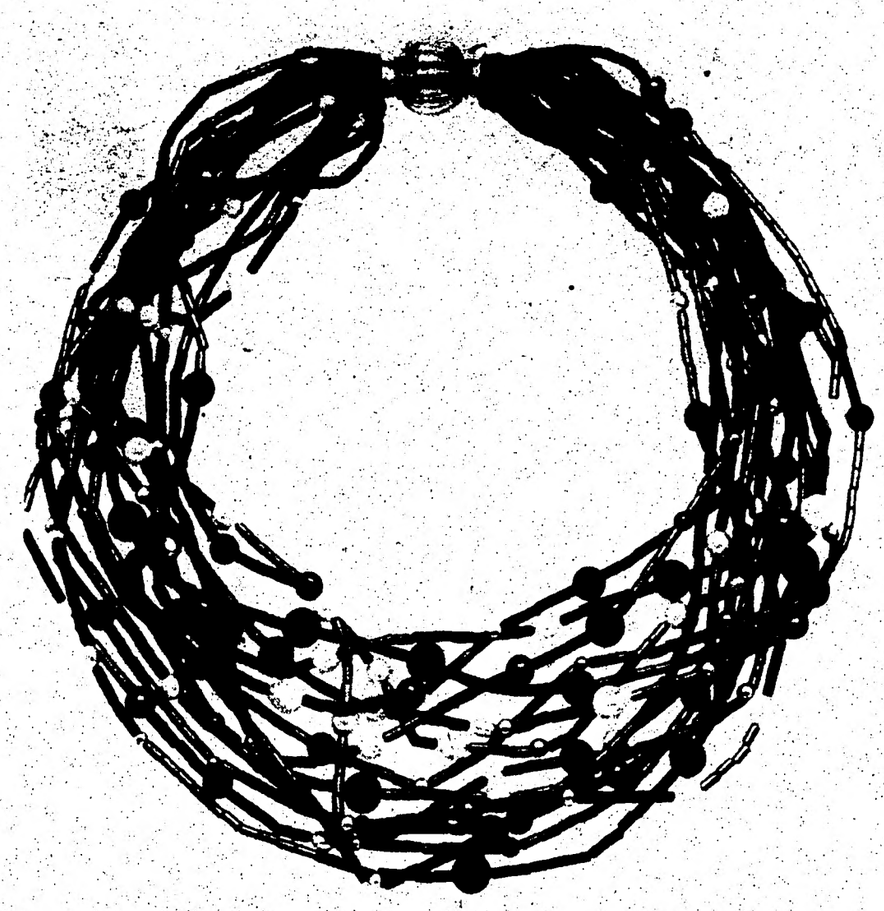
"My inspirations come from everything — people, nature, objects, buildings. I take one element of that design, say one of the columns down at St. Peter's Church, and incorporate that specific shape or detail into my piece.

"I try to keep my eyes open at all times — to be observant and perceptive. That's one thing we were taught at school. From then on, the beauty of the work is a combination of the stones, the colors, the fabric and textures I use. Everything is original and unique.

"Just like any other business, I have restrictions too. For instance, part of the reason I can't redo a piece, is due to a lack of material. You can't ask nature to produce what you need immediately, and therefore, a copy of that fresh pearl brooch is impossible to make — even if I wanted to!"he said.

Combining business with pleasure is not hard for Sung as searching for gems and other stones involves much traveling. Whether it is scouting around Hawaii or touring the Orient for sapphires and jade, Sung says he derives pleasure and satisfaction from his work.

"I'm always on the lookout for something unusual and original. I also love the construction and the engineering of the pieces. Of course, there is also the mythical, mystical element to enjoy."



Sung's necklace has hematite, onyx, cultured pearls and gold bead accents.

Sung, 38, arrived in Canada 22 years ago. As a student, he attended the University of Victoria and the Ontario College of Art where he studied photography and print making as well as environmental design.

In 1967, the family left the country because of the riot in Hong Kong. Because of his interest in English, and the fact that his parents dealt with many Canadians in their business, Sung was fortunate enough to meet a Canadian who expressed an interest in becoming his guardian.

At the recent showing of his designs, Sung also invited an ikebana artist, Poon Chak Wan (Ming) from Hong Kong to display his works.

Ikebana is practising the art of sculptured floral arrangements. The exhibit was a showcase for both designers as each artform echoed the other.

"I feel that some of the stones lend themselves to a nature inspired form while some are only done justice when they are incorporated into the classic look," Sung said. "It is a whole process of evolution.

"Many of my clients are leaders who have their own personal style. However, take for example, two different colored earrings. Worn together, this can be very chic, but in Toronto, this is rare. It takes a confident person to make a statement that way.

"It is getting better, but a growth process is needed. I grow with them and they grow with me .. it is nice to see that change. Today, there is no excitement in fashion or jewelry and that's what I'm trying to do."Sung said emphatically

"You can't keep doing things in black and white. I am known for my work with pearls so I'm changing to diamonds and colored gem stones. Because I am an artist, I don't want the same look. I'm a firm believer in the idea that you have to try to grow and reach a different level of people. I have to say that I love it — not only the changes in me, but the changes in the audience as well."

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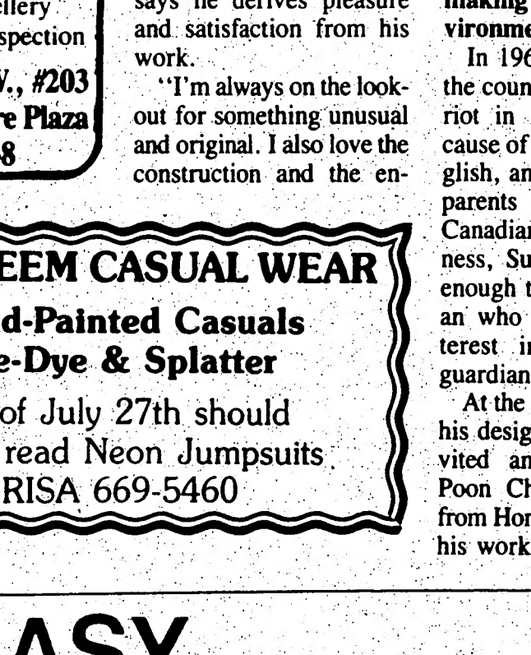

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Walsh uses old to make the new

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

"With differing styles, you have to be very careful," says designer Shelly Walsh who is wearing one of her favorite creations. "The old-fashioned styles were designed to make a statement and they have to be worn by people who can carry that off. The classic styles were glamorous and they have to be worn with confidence."

The navy vicose housedress Walsh is wearing is a direct reproduction of a housewife's dress from the 40s. Detailed with padded shoulders, side pockets and frontal ties, the simplicity of the piece is alluring.

"Although I like the old-fashioned styles, most of my line is designed to fit my customers' needs. Whether it is a blazer, a fitted jacket or a straight skirt, I make my clothes for the career woman," Walsh said.

One of the more impressive pieces in Walsh's summer collection is a fitted, creamy-colored coat dress — an outfit Walsh called sexy and shapely. Available in navy as well, the dress is powerful and supportive to the professional female who is competing in the boardroom.

Walsh founded her company, Metropolitan Clothesworks so over-

Shelly Walsh

priced markups would be avoided. She explained that because the company designs, manufactures and sells directly to the consumer, most of the overhead is eliminated.

Clients are able to visit the studio at 626 King St. W. in order to select fashions that complement their existing wardrobes. Walsh also provides a consultation service to those busy women with overloaded schedules who don't have extra time to spend shopping.

"Let me stress that this is not a bargain basement; rather, the clothes are manufactured for right here. This means that my customers can put their entire wardrobe together conveniently while saving. However, it is not just the price. My people must be very happy because most of them are 90% repeat customers," she said.

Walsh, originally from Kitchener, spent her college years at the American Fashion College in Switzerland. She then spent a year apprenticing in Florence, Italy with the Casa de Emilio Pucci.

Upon her return to Canada, Walsh represented a line of high fashion European clothing, gaining valuable sales merchandising and marketing knowledge. All this experience has been incoporated into Metropolitan Clothesworks.

"I have learned a lot of lessons along the way. In my opinion, Toronto as a whole has a defeatist attitude — about everything.

"On the flip side, that is exactly what makes Canadians work harder at international events. We actually work harder because we don't think we measure up to the rest of the world markets." Walsh commented.

And what do the cards hold for Walsh and her clothing line?

"This fall, I am coming out with a collection of children's wear. You could say that we're just testing the market out there right now to see what the response will be."

If the feedback is positive Metropolitan Clothesworks, a name Walsh said had a retro ring, will continue to design and manufacture women's sportswear and dresses with a fashion forward twist in addition to the children's line.

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Vampire's Kiss may be batty; Nicolas Cage isn't

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Nicolas Cage as a vampire? The idea seems preposterous, but it isn't necessarily so.

Cage has been a desperado in *Raising Arizona* and an infatuated Italian baker in *Moonstruck* — roles he has done well by. But a vampire in the classic mould of Dracula and Bela Lugosi? It's not as far-fetched as it may sound, provided you understand that his portrayal of a modern Dracula in *Vampire's Kiss*, is strictly tongue-in-cheek.

Robert Bierman's film, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is a takeoff on Gothic horror — a Hollywood specialty of the 1930s and 1940s. But instead of being played out in the Rurita-

Nicolas Cage in Vampire's Kiss

nian backwoods of Transylvania, *Vampire's Kiss* unfolds in the impersonal concrete canyons of Manhattan, photograped broodingly by Stefan Czapsky.

Peter Loew (Cage) is a literary agent who frequents bars after work. Such is his sexual appetite that he must bed down a lovely damsel each time he visits a bar. The fear of contagious disease obviously doesn't enter his one-track mind. In one such amorous encounter, he and his luscious date flee his apartment after a troublesome and persistent bat flies through the bedroom window.

It is, of course, an omen — a clumsy, heavy-handed one. Viewers just *know* that something is afoot. Little is left to the imagination.

In yet another conquest, Lowe pins down Rachel (Jennifer Beals, whose performance is, in a word, awful). In a passionate moment, she gives him a monumental love bite on his neck — which effectively initiates him into the dark, unsparing brotherhood of vampiredom.

From that point onward, Loew's personality changes drastically. If you can excuse the pun, he turns batty. He harasses his prim secretary, Alva (Maria Conchita Alonso), badgering her to find an old contract; he behaves abominably toward Jessica (Sharon Lundy), one of his on-again-off-again girlfriends; he affects sunglasses after his eyes bulge uncannily; he takes to eating cockroaches. And in a crowning, somewhat hilarious touch, he buys a cheap pair of plastic fangs from a Chinese shopkeeper and inserts them into his mouth.

Like Dracula, Loew's fate has been predetermined. Alva's vengeful brother, Emilio (Bon Lujan), dispatches him in appropriate fashion.

As Loew, Cage is convincingly stark, raving mad. He hollers; he bellows; he coos; he crawls on his knees. But since *Vampire's Kiss* is essentially a parody, Cage is most adept at poking subtle fun at his outlandish character. There really isn't a single instant when Cage is totally serious. Even when he's descending into darkness, that smirk on his face provides enough clues to cue you in.

For all his abilities, *Vampire's Kiss* is less than a stellar picture. The levity, such as it is, seems vacuous, and there is a real lack of suspense. In fact, *Vampire's Kiss* often feels like a wet rag you want to throw away.

It's that kind of a film.

Yiddish play set for Skylight stage

TORONTO —

"Rocking Over the Ocean," a British-Yiddish parody of Gilbert and Sullivan, will be presented Tuesday, Aug. 22 at the Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park at 7 p.m. sharp.

Produced and directed by Nathan Garnick, it features Yiddish players Allen Farkas, Michael Lebovic and Gloria Valentine, and the Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre.

The music is arranged by Nathan Rosen and the choreography is by Pat Kiss and Millie Cass, folk dance specialists.

Those who find the concrete backless benches uncomfortable should plan to bring their own chair (along with a blanket and sweater in case it is cool.) There are 800 chairs in the 1,500 seat theatre but they are usually taken at 6 p.m.

The performance is free but tickets must be picked up at the theatre box office.

In case of rain, the production will be moved to the Beth David, B'nai Israel, Beth Am synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview.

Event to aid Muscular Dystrophy

TORONTO —

An "Art-a-thon" to be held Sept. 9-17 at Lakeshore Village development site in Etobicoke will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada.

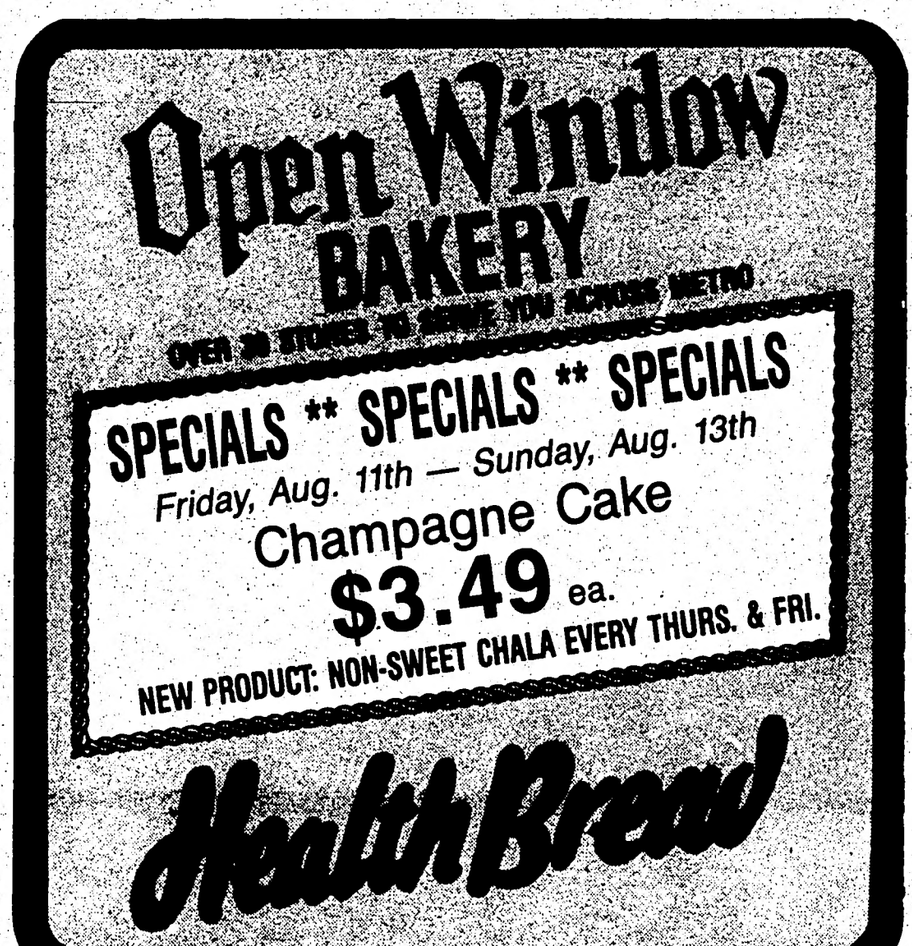
Twenty visual artists, said a spokesman for The Daniels Corporation which is sponsoring the event, will create complete works of art which will be sold at a celebrity auction on the final day.

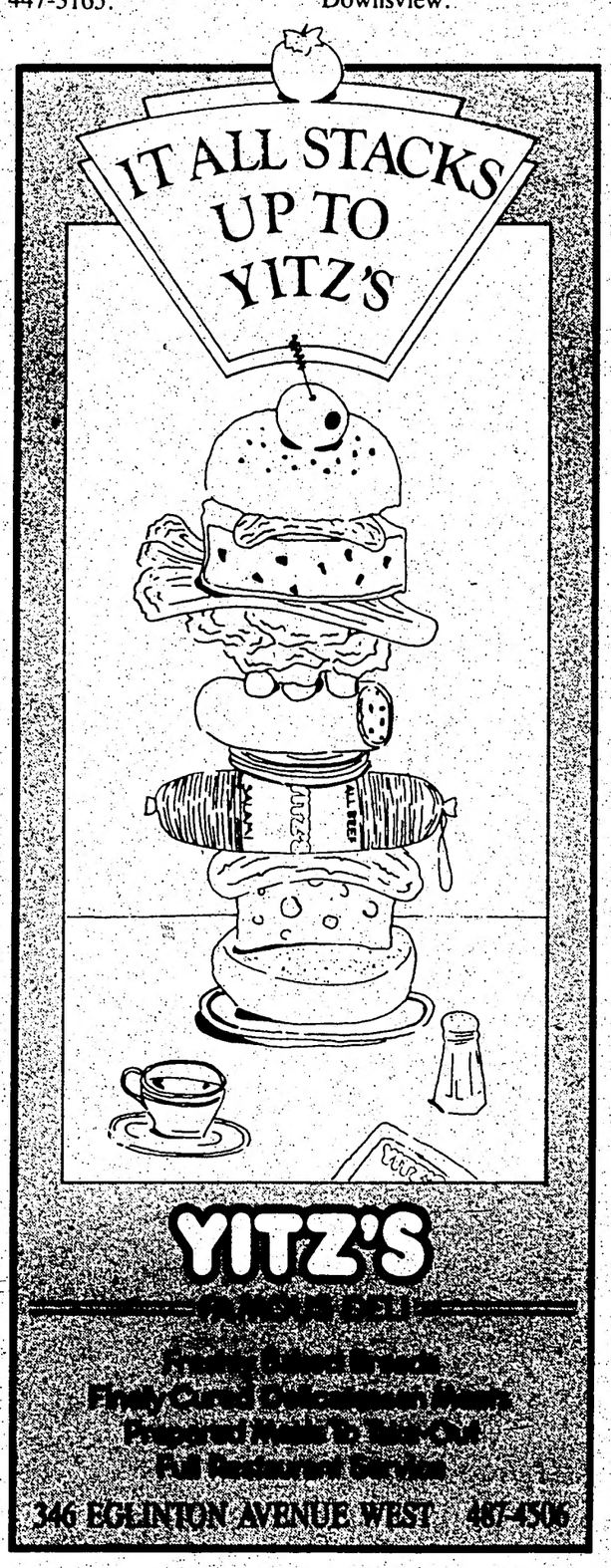
"The Art-a-thon is designed to encourage local interest in Lakeshore Village, to give exposure to area artists and support Muscular Dystrophy — an extremely worthwhile charity," said Mitchell Cohen, general manager of the corporation.

Interested artists are being asked to submit two current work samples (snapshots or slides) and a sketch of the original piece they will produce during the Art-a-thon, by August 14. Judges will select 20 finalists to participate, illustrating their works, at least two hours a day, on masonite canvasses mounted on the Lakeshore Village construction site hoarding.

All 20 participating artists will receive a $700 honorarium plus $100 for supplies. The judges will choose two winners at a family festival starting at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday, September 17, the final day of the Art-a-thon: first prize is $2,500 and second prize is $1,500.

Interested artists can obtain further information by calling Art-line at (416) 447-3165.





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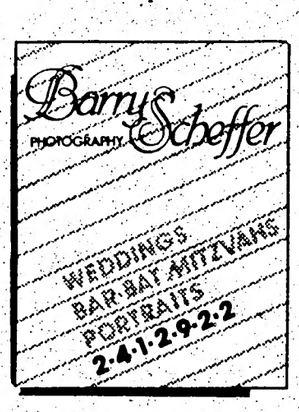

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Donner delivers guts and gore but not much more

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Judging by *Lethal Weapon 2* Richard Donner likes a traditional formula film where everything falls neatly and expectedly into place.

In Donner's realm, there are few, if any, shades of gray. The bad guys are really bad and the good guys are really good — which makes *Lethal Weapon 2* predictable and, of course, superficial.

But if you're not too demanding and want nothing more than an evening's worth of light diversion, it may well fill the bill.

Danny Glover and Mel Gibson

Martin Riggs (Mel Gibson) and Rodger Murtaugh (Danny Glover) are back again as seasoned Los Angeles detectives. As the film opens, the pair are chasing a man in a very fast red car — a chase which features loud crashes and moaning expletives. As they examine one of the smashed vehicles, Riggs discovers a mound of South African Krugerrands in the trunk.

Riggs and Murtaugh are then assigned to guard Leo Getz (Joe Pesci), a meek, pesky accountant who has turned against his former employer, the South African consulate in Los Angeles. The South Africans, you see, have laundered $500 million of drug money, and now they're out to eliminate Getz, whose most obvious characteristic is his nervous laugh.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Lethal Weapon 2* wallows in gratuitous violence.

Three men crash through a hotel window and land in a pool; helicopters, guns blazing, attack a beach house; cops die as they lift weights and jump off a diving board; a stilt house comes crashing down in a fury of fire and flames; a person wired to a toilet seat barely escapes being blown to smithereens.

The characterization is exceedingly shallow. Gibson and Glover remain ciphers, while the South Africans are reduced to cliched comic book figures.

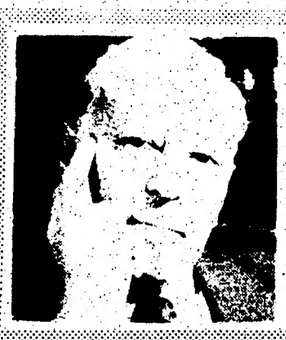
The love interest is provided by Patsy Kensit, a stunning platinum blonde who takes up with Gibson, an Australian hunk whose accent wavers somewhere between Brisbane and Chicago.

This picture is not humorless. Murtaugh is ecstatic that his daughter has made a TV ad. His face drops, however, when he discovers that the ad promotes condoms.

Gibson and Glover mesh well as a team. Pesci is unusually fine as the ultimate schlemiel. Honey-sweet Kensit is always alluring, even when she's submerged. Josh Ackland drips evil as a contemptuous South African diplomat.

Lethal Weapon 2 won't win awards for excellence. But, as a distraction, it's roadworthy.

Scholars delve into Jewish, Christian views of Heaven



books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Heaven: A History by Colleen McDannell and Bernhard Lang, Yale University Press, $38.

What is heaven like? The Torah doesn't say. Actually, the entire subject of Heaven, as well as hell, never achieved a definitive place in Jewish theology. It remained in the realm of Agada, the world of fancy and imagination, where freedom of interpretation and elaboration was encouraged.

Thus, the concept of Heaven became part of the folklore of the people, appealing and speculative, but never frozen into dogma.

The sages in Talmud and Midrash offered diverse and fascinating views of Gan Eden, the Garden of Eden, which became synonymous with heaven. In Paradise, taught one rabbi, there will be seven sections for various types of pious souls, and a separate division of seven sections for the souls of pious women.

Some of the rabbis thought of Heaven as a place where sumptuous feast would be reserved for the righteous. The mythical fish Leviathan would be the principle dish. At the banquet would be wine, preserved in its grapes since the six days of creation.

What about sinners? The school of Shammai suggested that following death the unrighteous would undergo a 12-month cleansing period after which the soul would enter Heaven. The school of Hillel maintained that "He who is abounding in mercy will turn the scales toward mercy." One sage went so far as to declare that all Jews will end up in Heaven because God accepts the repentant sinners and surely every person repents at the moment before death.

Heaven: A History by two university scholars describes the origins of the idea of Heaven from its early roots in Judaism to contemporary, largely Christian, theological and cultural concepts. Through the ages theologians, philosophers, visionaries and artists have depicted the future of the soul in a wide-ranging manner.

Most theories about heaven fall into one of two categories. In one of these the individual's relationship to God is stressed. In the other, the needs of the soul in heaven are conceived in human terms; family, sexuality, work and social connections. In the Middle Ages the first of the two views prevailed. In the Renaissance a more worldly vision prevailed. Heaven was conceived as "a sensuous paradise where friends and lovers, angels and saints, might dance hand-in-hand."

Not always an easy book to read because of its wealth of detail and somewhat convoluted prose, it is nevertheless an engrossing journey into widespread speculation about the world to come.

In 1982, according to the authors, a Gallup Poll revealed that 71% of Americans believe that there is a heaven where people who have led good lives are eternally rewarded. Fifty-four percent believed that they would be in the presence of God. Less than half thought that they would see their friends or relatives there.

We will have to wait to find out.

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Showbiz Mishmash

London is alluring to art mavens, museum freaks

By
FRANK RASKY

LONDON —

The most endearing thing about Londoners is the delight they take in displaying their cultural heritage.

I discovered this to be so even in the depths of their subway system, which Londoners call the underground tube.

While swaying as a straphanger in one of their trains, I was astonished to read a "Poem From The Underground." No, it was not graffiti. It was a verse that the city officialdom had posted among the advertising signs.

More precisely, it was *Roundelay From The Parliament Of Fowls* by the 14th century royal pageboy turned poet, **Geoffrey Chaucer**. A footnote revealed it had been translated from medieval English by a scholar from the British Library. Definitely not the sort of civic ad you'd come across in the Toronto subway, it began beguilingly:

Now welcome Summer with thy Sunne soft
That hast these Winter's weathers overshake
And driven away the longe Night's black . . .

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Ah, poetry for the masses! By a versifier born two centuries before Shakespeare! How civilized can a city get?

It was just one of the many pleasures that enchanted me during my month-long sojourn here, sampling the banquet of cultural fare offered by this metropolis of 12 million people.

Following are the choice art and museum goodies that I enjoyed and heartily recommend to culture connoisseurs. As a longtime museum freak, I'd like to begin with two prime repositories of ancient art and artifacts of special interest to Jews.

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The **Jewish Museum** is a single room tucked away in the Woburn House Jewish Community Centre on Tavistock Square (388-4525). It specializes in ceremonial art and antiques relating to the history of Britain's 385,000 Jews.

Of its 2,000 exhibits, I was most intrigued by an 1800 Staffordshire jug that depicts **Daniel Mendoza**, Britain's Jewish bare-knuckle boxing champion, in his famous 1788 fight with **Richard Humphreys**. Everybody loves a winner, and Mendoza's skill as a plucky middleweight battler matched against heavier opponents — plus his royal patronage by the Prince of Wales — helped Jews win acceptance by the British public.

Two excellent 10-minute films on the Jewish heritage are shown. Worth adding to your Judaica library is a lavishly illustrated, 128-page *Jewish Iconography* book, which the museum sells for $12. Its portraits of immigrant Jewish beauties like **Esther Jacobs** are stunning. And **Phineas May**, the museum's 83-year-old volunteer custodian, will be glad to autograph his *Cartoon History of Anglo-Jewry*, which he sells for $4.

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It's the most celebrated couch in the world, heaped with five pillows and covered with a Turkish rug colored scarlet, black, white and blue. You'll find it in the consultation room on the main floor of the two-storey **Freud Museum** at 20 Maresfield Gardens (435-2002).

It is, of course, the original analyst's couch used by patients of **Dr. Sigmund Freud**, the Jewish genius who dared to "agitate the sleep of mankind" by probing the mysteries of dreams and the subconscious. In 1938, when the father of psychoanalysis finally fled from Nazi-occupied Vienna "to die in freedom," he transferred his entire domestic and working environment to his new home in London. He resumed his work there until his death a year later from cancer of the jaw at the age of 83.

Freud confessed that his passion for collecting antiquities was second in intensity only to his addiction to the cigars that ultimately killed him. His extraordinary collection of more than 2,500 bizarre statuettes, amulets and masks (from ancient Greece, Rome, Egypt and the Orient) and his vast working library (the works of authors including **Mark Twain, Edgar Allan Poe** and **William Shakespeare**) provide unique insights into the origins of the mental healing art that Freud considered more a science.

Interestingly, though he was an admitted agnostic, derided by some as a "Godless Jew," Freud was a B'nai Brith member, who "gladly and proudly" acknowledged his Jewishness. "Because I was a Jew," he wrote, "I found myself free of many prejudices which restrict others in the use of their intellect."

The museum's information director, **Allison J. Green**, who is herself Jewish, points out that the majority of 3,000 subscribers to its quarterly newsletter are Jewish. "Our biggest problem with visitors is that they want to lie down on the couch," she says. "But unfortunately that's taboo."

Daniel Mendoza

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In addition, there are three peerless non-Jewish-oriented museums in London that I urge culture mavens not to overlook.

The granddaddy of them all is the 236-year-old **British Museum**, lording it loftily in neo-classic splendor on Bloomsbury's Great Russell St. (636-1555). It's a massive catch-all museum that would take you a month to explore properly. So I suggest you concentrate your browsing on the historic manuscripts department assembled by the museum's adjunct **British Library**.

I always get a thrill by peering at the rarities. Among them are **King John's** 1215 Magna Carta, **William Shakespeare's** First Folio, the 1917 British Balfour Declaration promising Jews a homeland in Palestine, autographs of literati from **John Donne** to **Charles Dickens**, and the original rock music manuscripts of the **Beatles**.

On this visit, I was fortunate enough to have as my guide **Dr. Diana Rowland Smith**, curator of the British Library's Hebrew collections. A graduate of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, she proudly showed me the display she had mounted of ancient Bibles and Haggadahs beautifully illuminated in gold leaf script. A prize of the exhibition is an original document in which **Rabbi Moses (Rambam) Maimonides**, the most eminent Jewish philosopher of the 12th century, submitted his judgment on a religious case of oath-taking in Cairo. To verify its authenticity, he had scribbled in Hebrew at the end, "Moses wrote this."

I was further grateful to Smith because she enabled me to take a peek at that tightly guarded sanctum of scholars, the Reading Room of the British Museum. People still point to the famous seat where a renowned Jewish philosopher of another stripe, the rambunctious **Karl Marx**, developed boils on his derriere over the years while he painfully wrote *Das Kapital*. After completing his masterwork, the guru of Communism declared testily, "I hope that the bourgeoisie, as long as they live, will have cause to remember my carbuncles!"

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Almost as venerable is the queenly **Victoria & Albert Museum**, crowned by a baroque cupola and enthroned on dowdy South Kensington (589-6371). **Queen Victoria** herself laid the conerstone in 1899 in memory of her German consort, **Prince Albert**. The majestic edifice gained a reputation as a sublime attic, the world's sovereign treasure house of decorative art and design.

Esther Jacobs

Benjamin Disraeli

Sigmund Freud

The "V & A," as the onetime grand old lady is familiarly known to Londoners today, has long removed her corset stays and relaxed. On my recent visit there, it amused me to imagine how shocked the starchy royal couple would have been by its current exhibition that was luring the crowds, *The Nude: A New Perspective*.

Illustrated by 120 images, the exhibition drew parallels between fine art and pornography. It concluded with a touch of Victorian prudery: "The Old Master painting and the Playboy centrefold are seen to be remarkably similar in their use of the female body."

I enjoyed the erotica just as I enjoyed the V & A's permanent collection of Judaica. This consists of lovely bronze and silver Chanukah lamps, Kiddish goblets and ornate Passover plates dating back to 16th century Italy and Germany. In their own fashion, with their lavish curves and graceful symmetry, the Jewish objets d'art were also a feast for the esthetic eye.

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The **National Portrait Gallery** at 2 St. Martin's Place (930-9123) began in 1856 as a kind of visual Who's Who of what was then the British Empire. Today it's far from being just a highly selective national pantheon of the elite. Rather, it's a collection of more than 10,000 paintings, photos, cartoons and sculptures of personalities from a variety of fields.

The gallery is unique in the sense that inclusion of a portrait is not based on its quality as a work of art. Rather, it depends on the fame of the achiever depicted.

And a democratic mix of achievers they are. They run the gamut from **Nell Gwyn**, the Covent Garden fruit peddler who became the mistress of King Charles II, to **Baron Grade** of Elstree, better known as the cigar-chomping Jewish producer of British TV film series, **Lou Grade**.

My favorite gallery portrait is the 1881 oil painting by **Sir John Millais** of **Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli**. The brilliant novelist, orator and wit, who had charmed Queen Victoria into awarding him the title of Earl of Beaconsfield, was then tired and ill and close to death at 77. Nevertheless, his graying goatee juts out purposefully in the portrait. And he retains his invincible jaunty air that reminds me of his response to a taunter in the House of Commons:

"Yes, I am a Jew. And when the ancestors of the right honorable gentleman were brutal savages in an unknown island, mine were priests in the temple of Solomon."

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By
SHEILA DROPKIN

ATLANTA, Ga. —

For many people, northerners especially, the mention of Atlanta, Georgia evokes visions of antebellum plantations, women in long, full skirts and men leisurely sipping mint juleps. Nothing, except the fabled southern hospitality and the "you/all drawl," could be further from the truth.

The Atlanta of the 1980s is far different from the city enshrined in the hearts and minds of millions of people by Margaret Mitchell in her literary and film hit Gone With the Wind. In fact, so many of the stately old mansions were torn down to make way for progress, that the residents finally realized they were destroying their history and cried "stop."

The city is a booming manufacturing and business centre, with 1,800 industrial plants manufacturing more than 3,000 different commodities. Since 1973, more than 250 Japanese-owned businesses have opened in Georgia, most of them in and around the state capitol.

As recently as 15 years ago, the most exotic food one could purchase was pizza. Now, with the influx of business people and immigrants from around the world, you can find any and every type of restaurant and food specialty store you may want.

The once very active Ku Klux Klan, which was openly anti-Black and anti-Jewish, would have far more targets now. Fortunately its appeal and activities have waned considerably. The 100,000+ Jewish community is strong and comfortable, with many of the residents dating their ties to the area back to the days of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. As in many other towns and cities across the United States and Canada, the early arrivals were travelling salesmen, who eventually settled down by opening retail stores and establishing new roots there.

One middle-aged resident told us of her late father, who arrived as a child at the turn of the century from his native Lithuania. As soon as he had mastered the English language, he was sent to a small town in southern Georgia (Atlanta is in the northern part of the state) to live with a Baptist family and represent his uncle's "shmatte" business throughout that part of the state and Tennessee. He lasted three years, under great strain, as he tried very hard to maintain a traditional Jewish and kosher lifestyle. At the age of 18, he became engaged to a 2nd-generation Jewish girl whose family didn't like him because he was too Jewish! But the marriage lasted 60 years, until the wife's death, so they must have done something right.

There are 15 synagogues and temples listed in the Atlanta yellow pages. One of them, "The Temple," is mentioned in the hit play Driving Miss Daisy, as having been bombed by the Klan. This actually happened, but the building was quickly rebuilt and is still a major force in the life of the Jewish community.

Among the more interesting sites for visitors is the Atlanta Cyclorama, a 360-degree painting of the Battle of Atlanta (from the Civil War) with a circumference of 400 feet. Visitors view the 50-foot-high panorama from seats on a revolving platform — sound and light effects, a narration and very life-like three dimensional figures heighten the experience of being part of the battle. In response to many queries, a replica of Clark Gable as Rhett Butler is among the fallen.

The museum is located in Grant Park, which also houses the city's zoo, reportedly one of the best in North America.

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Center, northeast of downtown Atlanta, almost makes it worthwhile to have suffered through the presidency of the hapless engineer/peanut farmer. The park-like setting is magnificent, and contains a library and museum, Carter's personal offices, the Carter Center of Emory University (used by historians and researchers from around the world) and the offices of the Task Force for Child Survival and Global 2000, a think tank initiated by Carter. The former President and his wife are very involved in neighborhood reform in slum areas.

The city is not lacking in culture, with the Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center, primarily for performing arts, the focal point of theatrical and musical presentations. There are also numerous small theatres around the city. Adjacent to the Woodruff is the High Museum of Art, which opened in the fall of 1983 to much acclaim; while we found the art collections interesting, the building literally left us cold.

Since Atlanta was the birthplace and home of Martin Luther King Jr., there are several locations dedicated to his memory, including the Center for Nonviolent Social Change State Historic Site, in which his crypt has been placed.

Like all major North American cities, Atlanta is quickly spreading and areas that were considered to be the boonies as recently as six years ago are now part of the metropolis. Million dollar homes and high-priced condominiums seem to sprout up overnight, accommodating the growing managerial and professional classes, both Black and White, who are moving there in an endless stream.

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By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

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If you're really curious and ambitious, you'll want to read *Ancient Israel: A Short History From Abraham To The Roman Destruction of the Temple (Prentice-Hall, no price listed).*

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Nahum Sarna writes about Israel in Egypt; Joseph Callaway about settlement in Canaan; Andre Lemaire about the United monarchy; Lee Levine about Hellenism. They are among seven essays to be read and savored.

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Business Outlook

From papier-mache dolls to wooden eggs

Crafts store specializes in unusual accessories

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Acquisitions, a gift shop of contemporary Canadian crafts, specializing in unusual home decor accessories, was established by two women who have been friends since they were in public school.

Melanie Cohen and Shelley Gans are the owners of Acquisitions Distinctive Contemporary Crafts at 329A Lonsdale Rd. Their second floor gallery is an attractive 1,000 sq. feet aqua-and-white shop with hi-tech lighting, a wonderful backdrop for their one-of-a-kind glass, ceramic and multi-media pieces by many Canadian crafts people from across the country.

When their children were young, both mothers worked part-time. Cohen operated a successful gift-basket business from her home and Gans was a sales representative for a sunglass manufacturer.

Melanie Cohen (left) and partner Shelley Gans of the crafts store Aquisitions.

Their venture into the world of crafts began when Gans read an article on Canadian crafts in the home section of her newspaper.

"The article listed the places that carried contemporary crafts. I realized that there were very few shops that carried these crafts," Gans said.

"Although we didn't have any formal education in crafts, we both liked hand crafts."

Cohen and Gans decided to find out more about crafts and their availability. They went to the Ontario Crafts Council for help.

"They were fabulous at the OCC," Cohen said. "They generously gave us their time and expertise and after four months of studying artists' portfolios and resumes, and visiting many artists to determine if their crafts were contemporary and skillfully crafted, we were excited about opening our shop."

They found the perfect location at Lonsdale and Spadina roads but the facility required a great deal of work. With the support of their husbands, Barry Cohen and Arthur Gans, they embarked on the renovations.

With a modest investment and some advertising they were soon ready to open their shop.

It soon became a favorite place for people looking for something unique and individual.

"I think the big draw is that there are pieces that will appeal to everyone," Cohen said.

She adds that recently, while on a trip to Carmel, Calif., she discovered that "our crafts people in Canada are on par or better than the finest anywhere."

At the entrance of the shop, you are greeted by Gertie, a 5-foot comical papier-mache waitress doll by Paul Portelli. Acquistions has lacquered papier-mache dolls with human-hair wigs priced from $375 to $650. Portelli will custom-design a caricature doll to the client's specifications.

Acquisitions' functional and decorative pieces range in price from $25 to $4,200. For $25, there are natural British Columbia wooden eggs created by K. Miller. The natural colors are brought out by the artist with his unique process. These, Gans says, are sold as birthday, graduation and house gifts.

Other popular gifts are paperweights and perfume bottles that run from $30 to $125 and display the varied techniques of artists across Canada.

There is a magnificent glass-panelled hand-painted screen by Frieda Davies, who also creates custom designed glass pieces and glass clocks. There are whimsical ceramic cookie jars by Eva Ormut that reflect the artist's sense of humor, and glass vases and perfume bottles by Ruth Thiessen.

On the walls, there are vivid papier-mache imposed on stryrofoam wall hangings by Ian Leventhal priced from $350. There are also non-functional ceramic vases and wall sculptures in muted shades by Paula Crelinstein.

As Cohen points out many of Aquisition's pieces, she notes that they are pleased that along with a growing private clientele, more and more interior decorators are finding their way to Acquistions.

"They have discovered that we carry exciting pieces to accessorize unique decors. They like to purchase one-of-a-kind pieces for their discriminating clients who are looking for that special finishing touch."

Doctors Hospital's new facility raises half of the required funds

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —
Doctors Hospital is pleased to announce that the year ended on a healthy note — a balanced budget and more than half of the required funds needed for the new multicultural community health campus.

Gilbert Morris, chairman of the board of Doctors Hospital, delivered the news concerning the 1988/89 budget at the recent annual general meeting.

The same meeting commended the fund-raising effort for the total redevelopment cost for the new campus.

"This was a 5-year campaign and in the first two, we have been able to raise 7 of the $10 million we need," Stan Melansky, director of development for Doctors Hospital said. "These next three years are going to be the toughest because now we have to depend on the smaller pledges from the community."

Although Melansky does believe the fund-raising goal will be reached, he predicts that donations will add up at a slower rate than the initial $7 million as the larger donations have already been submitted.

The campus will have a 243-bed-acute-care hospital and a 200-bed-chronic-care hospital. Melansky said the cost of having one of the wards named in your honor is fairly high but worth the investment.

To become the namesake of the acute-care addition, the hospital is asking for $2 million while the chronic-care hospital will cost $1 million.

Melansky added that since the actual cost of the acute-care hospital is $60 million while the chronic-care is $20 million, the donars are not footing even half the bill.

Individual rooms within the additions are also being named in honor of donors. The minimum donation is $5,000.

Doctors Hospital is a community hospital serving downtown Toronto. The hospital is recognized for its multicultural, community-oriented programs.

Israel's deficit worsens

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
Israel's trade deficit worsened sharply over the last two months, as imports rose while exports registered a marked fall.

Figures released recently by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed that the trade deficit totalled $216 million (U.S.) in April. Adjusting for seasonal factors, the average monthly deficit in March and April was 29% higher than that of the previous two months.

The bureau attributed the marked increase to a fall in exports. The figures showed that average monthly exports for March and April were 15% lower than in the previous two months. Average imports also dropped, but only by 3%, the bureau noted, which was not sufficient to offset the effects of the export drop.

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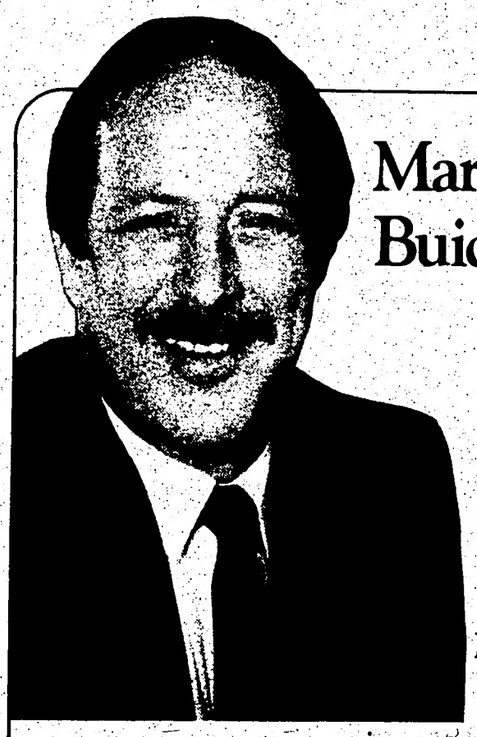

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Stained glass window guards pass rigid police inspection

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Grills are available in intricate designs and basic patterns

TORONTO —
A mechanic and a graphic designer normally have nothing in common but Paul Nykamp and Dolores Elson are an exception.

The two welded their skills and began a business called Harvard Innovations — a company that produces window guards.

Ordinary window bars these are not. Specifically, the partners of the 1-year-old business, camouflage the strength and the security factor of the guards by sculpturing and shaping the metal. Regular bars are transformed into attractive stained glass designs that actually melt into and complement the entire facade of the house.

"We have two basic objectives," Nykamp said. "The first is that the grills have to look nice in the home. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, it has to provide security."

How can window guards look good and still provide protection?

To begin with, the material used is either hot-rolled or cold-rolled steel. Cold-rolled has a smoother finish than hot-rolled but there is no difference in strength between the two.

"Our patterns are all reinforced. It is not possible to bend one individual piece, you have to be able to bend six, "Elson said. "On the other hand, straight bars are easily bendable because they are not designed close enough."

With a 52% increase in the break-and-enter rate over the past 10 years, Harvard Innovations selected the right business market.

Nykamp had been a welder for a number of years before taking an industrial and mechanical maintenance course at Humber College in Toronto. But, he was not satisfied. He was looking for something different.

Elson, 35, left her teaching postion in Ireland and emigrated to Canada 13 years ago. She attended George Brown College for the 2 year graphics design course before founding her own business that was to last for eight years. "I simply got tired of it,(that field)."she said, explaining why she enrolled in Humber's program.

It was not until her first contract job as a mechanic that Elson met Nykamp who supervised her on-the-job training.

"I know it seems to be a lot different, but once you are a designer, you can design anything," said Elson, who was at the time designing parts for obsolete machines.

The idea behind Harvard Innovations began a year ago while the two were driving around the city. Both saw a noticeable increase of the straight bar window guards, and they agreed that while protection is a must, the homeowner should not have to sacrifice the look of his home.

"Alarms are one thing," Nykamp said. "They let you know when someone has broken in, but grills act as deterrents. However, at the same time, you don't want your place looking like Fort Knox."

Elson was quick to point out that if the bars on the home are too noticeable, they can act as a beacon to burglars who are quick to wonder what the homeowner is hiding. Noticeable security bars also give the thieves time to prepare for the break-in as they will know what equipment is needed to get through the grills.

They say that police and security experts indicate that if it is possible to stall burglars for an additional 10 to 15 minutes, they will look for another home in which to break. The security grills at Harvard Innovations not only stall possible thieves, but they are impregnable, the partners say pointing out that not one place they have serviced has been robbed or vandalized.

"The grills themselves are actually inside,"Elson said. "So, even if the glass is broken, the thieves still have to get through the steel."

Both partners admit that building the grills is hard work. It takes approximately one day to complete 2 ft. by 1 ft. grill. Everything is crafted by hand, and the time and care shows in the product. Elson tries to fit the design with the house.

Some of the patterns available include three tulips, a sailboat, a sunset and flowers. As well, there are some basic patterns that use different lines and shapes to create an attractive geometric piece. Elson will also develop patterns done to the customer's specification.

"Ideally, the grills are for the back part of the house that faces onto an unlit lane or alley, but inside the window might be in the living room. Who wants bars on a living room window?" Elson said.

"However, I feel it is a waste of my time to design something for a furnace window. I will, but we have the basic designs for places such as those."

Unlike the regular bars, the company also custom fit its pieces so if 10 different sized grills have to be made for 10 different sized windows, it can be done.

"We try to steer people away from overkill and paranoia," Elson said. "There is really no need to have the guards installed on the second and third floors, and if the windows are double-paned, they will explode if someone tries to break them. No crook is going to chance being heard so the grills aren't necessary."

The company deals with a variety of customers but the main clientele are professional women, who worry about the safety of their children.

Over the past few months, the owners have been inundated with orders, and there is talk of expansion.

"We would like to pass on certain parts of the operation to others," Elson said. "It has taken months to perfect the different ways of bending the steel so we would have to specially train someone for that position."

"We are constantly upgrading," Nykamp said. "We are always looking for ways of doing things faster and more efficient. Always on the lookout for improvements."

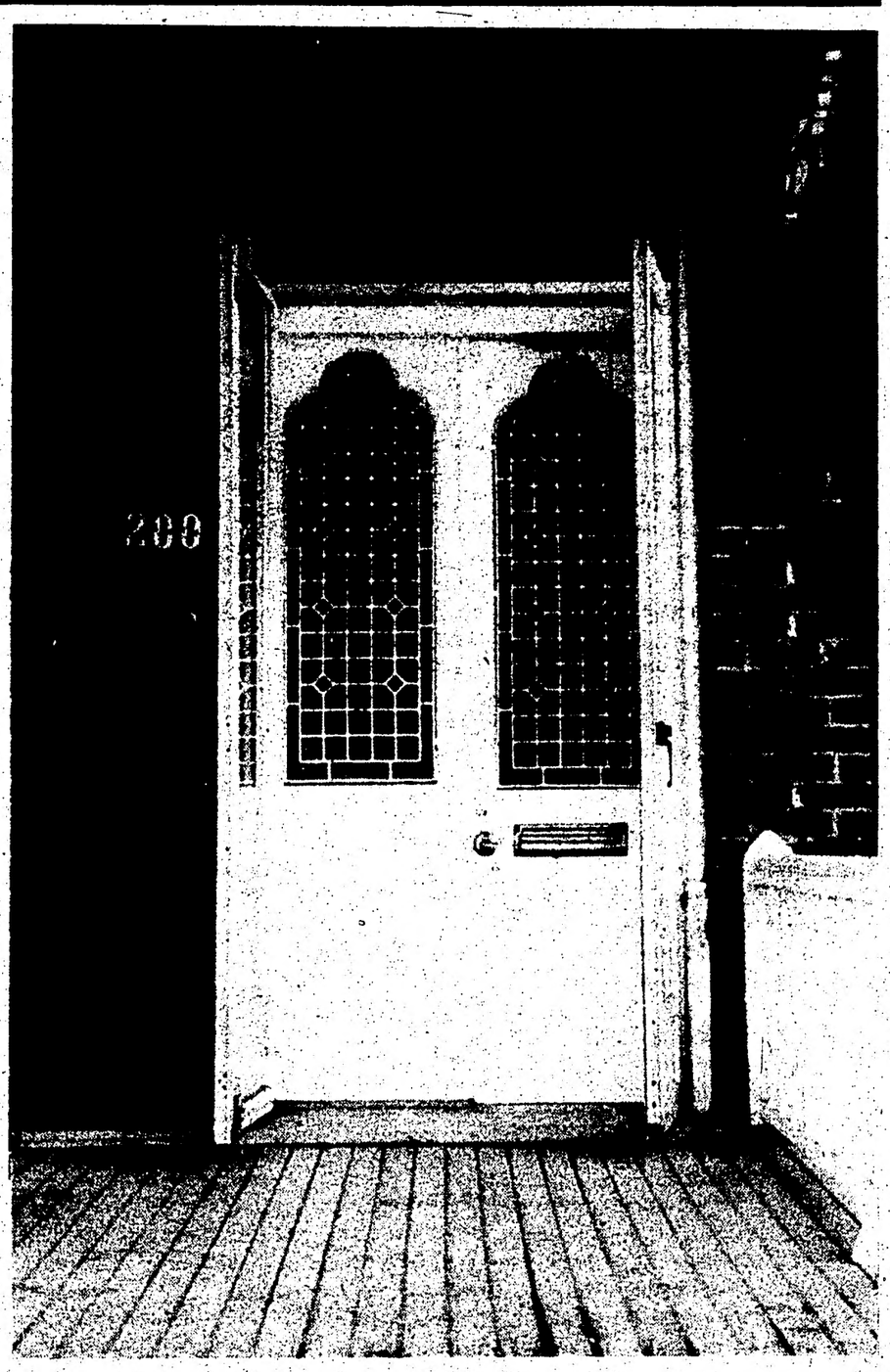
Both refer to the business as their baby not as their job.

"We do it because we like to," Elson said. "When we have a new design, we fuss over it. We have even taken it apart to make it look just rights.

"Really, there hasn't been an aspect of the business we haven't enjoyed. There is no getting away from the fact that it is very labor intensive and hard work. I find people are now used to mass production and they really have no idea what is involved in a piece."

Recently, the company completed a job in Cabbagetown. The house dated back to 1875, and the owner wanted to protect his investment without taking away from it. A tall order to fill, but complete the job they did. Elson was able to design a guard the customer loved. While the company was installing the grills, the customer was so thrilled that he brought all his neighbors to see how well the project had turned out.

"Personal satisfaction," Elson said. "People tell us they love our stuff — they are thrilled with it — and that is a big rush for us. It is a definite challenge."



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Business Outlook

Four ways to invite success into professional life spotted

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO — What makes a 4.0 person?

According to Dr. Betty Siegel, an A-plus leader is one who knows how to build a team; who knows to keep growing because there is so much to learn; who knows how to look at him/herself authentically; and who can say; I will give something back to the world for the time and space that I spend on this earth.

Siegel, who gave a motivational speech at the recent Million Dollar Round Table conference at the Metro Convention Centre, believes that it is only by seeing ourselves in positive ways that we can invite success into our lives.

The Round Table represents the top 3% of life insurance sales producers.

"One of the ways in which we invite success is in how we professionally invite others into our world, how we react to and act toward the people we encounter in our business sphere," Siegal said.

"When I became a manager, I read all the books I could on management. I remember reading a book called Power! It was an I win, you lose phenomenon. I read a book called The Art of Deception. And one called The Gamesman. The gamesman had to put on a pith helmut and a safari suit and go into the jungle and wrestle all the animals to their knees. I win, you lose.

"I read a book called Dress for Success. I bought a blue blazer, a khaki skirt, closed pumps, a Rolex watch, a Cross pen and a burgandy briefcase. The only trouble was that everyone I saw was dressed exactly the same.

"There is a new book called Eat for Success. No more whimpy lunches. Go for the raw steak. Nobody will sit next to you, but you will be powerful. We feed on foolery, do we not?" she asked more than 4,000 insurance agents at their annual gathering.

Destroy societal hang-ups

"Then there is the all-time best seller, In Search of Excellence," Siegel continued. "Its theme is that it is not just what we know that makes the difference, but what we believe — what we believe about service, about people, about marketing and what you believe about how you professionally invite others into your world."

As we professionally invite success in others, we have to professionally invite ourselves to the feast, said Siegel. This seemed to be the underlying message of the speech.

How do you invite yourself professionally?

"By doing those things that bring you great pleasure personally ... We are tethered to stakes that are really no longer than a pencil. You will have to make your own analysis of the stakes that keep you tethered."

She explained that getting rid of societal hang-ups and false self-preceptions, would encourage the real person underneath. The revealing of the honest character, would attract people to you.

Another way to invite success is to become involved.

"People who make a difference are those who are involved with their family, their friends and their aquaintances. Think of how you serve your customers," she told her audience.

Bringing her speech to an emotional close, Siegel cited the man who perished so others in an Air Florida crash might be saved.

"Then the television camera picked up a helicopter dropping a life line and a floatation ring. It hit a man in the water and without hesitation, he gave it away. It came down again and again ... Finally the floatation ring came down for him.

"He was an ordinary man doing an extraordinary thing. He tried to pull himself into the life line and he could not. Too diminished in energy, he fell beneath the water and drowned before our eyes.

An ordinary man — burly, mustached, balding — doing an extraordinary thing.

"We didn't know him for the longest time. Finally we found out he was a Southerner. We found out he was a Georgian. He was from Atlanta. Closer still, he was from Shanley, a neighborhood not far from us. But, he is every man, every person," she said.

"Surely none of us will have to give that last wonderful expression of life for other people. But isn't it wonderful that people can do that. It seems to me that in our haste to be working well, studying well and living well, we also have to be about giving well."

Seigel is president of the Kennesaw College in Marietta, Georgia, and is one of the world's leading educators. Seigel is the first female president in the 33-unit university system in Georgia.

Seigel has taught psychology at Western Carolina University and was dean of the School of Education and Psychology. She was also the dean of academic affairs at the University of Florida and prior to the position, Siegel had worked as the highest ranking female administrator in Florida's university system.

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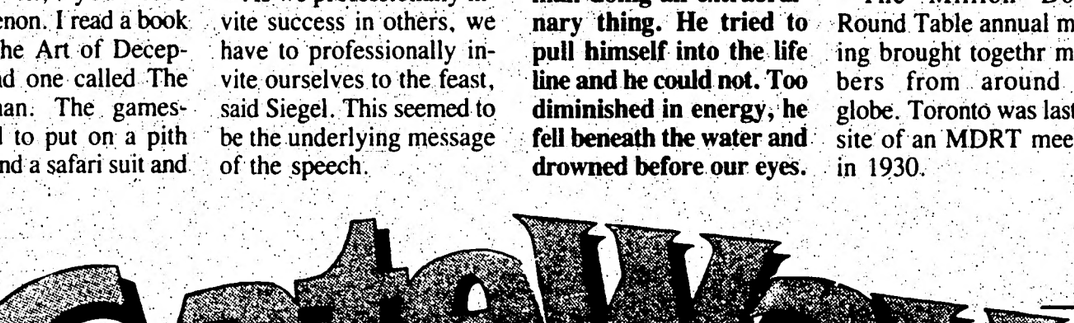

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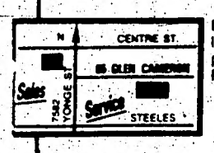

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789-4325

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8 Condominiums For Rent/Sale

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10 Accommodation Available

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12 Shared Accommodation

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13 Apartments For Rent

Bathurst/Wilson - Furnished basement bachelor in new home, separate entrance, $500. 785-7770.

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2 Houses For Sale Private

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Bathurst/Glencairn - 3 bedroom, 3 bath, central air, finished 3 room basement, near subway, dayschools, parks, shopping. Great neighbourhood. $1,590/ month. Available immediately. No Saturday calls 665-2622.

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Bathurst/Wilson - Beautifully furnished 3 bdrms., Finished basement. Walk-out deck, central air, available. September 1. 890-1800 days, 398-0786.

3 Houses For Rent

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6 Condominiums For Sale

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16 Duplex/ Townhouse For Sale

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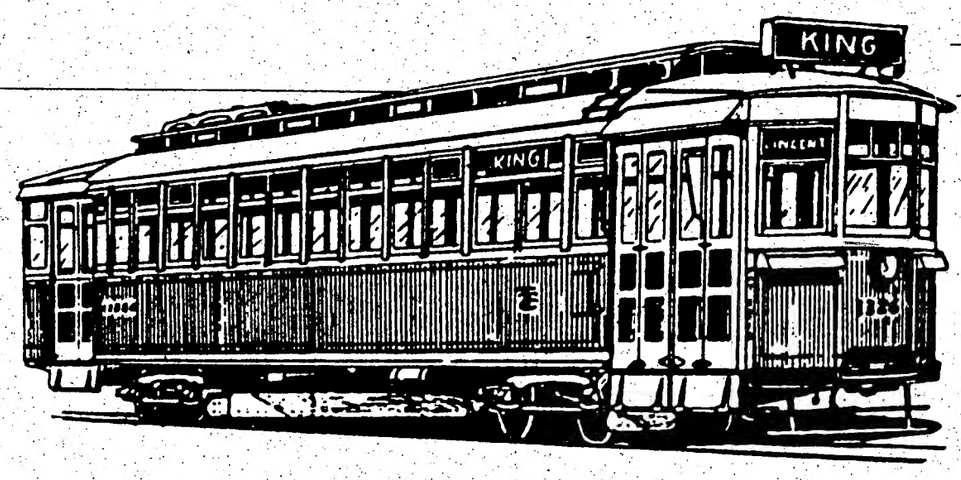

Spadina streetcar at Halton museum

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Do you remember the old Spadina Ave. streetcar that could be driven from either end and when it reached the ship yards the pole had to be reversed manually so it could make its way back to Bloor St. again?

Mrs. Anne Brown remembers because during World War II she drove the Spadina and other routes when the men were away. And she was delighted recently to find one of the old Spadina cars at the Halton County Radial Railway Museum on the Guelph Line 9 miles north of the 401.

The vintage streetcars, which include some from St. Catharines and Ottawa, either have been or are in the process of being restored.

The admission charge ($3.75 for adults, $2 for seniors and $1 for children) entitles you to ride any tram on the mile-long set of tracks as many times as you wish. The route, incidentally, is through pleasant woods.

Brown's brother, Robert, another enthusiast of the museum, is trying to convince the Ministry of Corrections to allow inmates of the Guelph Reformatory to be detailed to help restore the cars, a task which, he says, is becoming too arduous for the volunteers attempting to do it now.

During the summer, the museum is open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone (519) 856-9802 for information.

Michelin mixes up Israel

PARIS (JTA) —

One of the world's most respected publishers of international tourist guide books and maps has been sharply criticized for printing a map of the Middle East listing Israeli cities as being part of Jordan.

Shimon Samuels, European director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said Michelin's latest map of "northeast Africa/Arabia" is not only geographically inaccurate, but also "an affront to the State of Israel."

The map has the borders of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan encompassing Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and the West Bank. Mention of the State of Israel is omitted entirely.

"This publication creates the impression that Michelin is accepting the boycott of a nation friendly to France," Samuels wrote.

He added that by "erasing the name of Israel," Michelin is "perhaps identifying with the more extreme aspirations of its enemies."

55 Obituaries

Calderone, Natalia on July 25, 1989, late of 166 Mobley Crescent.
Fram, Albert Abraham on July 19, 1989, late of 73 Invermay Avenue.
Gotlieb, Philip on July 23, 1989, late of 100 Leeward Glenway,#1107.
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Zoberman, Louis on July 23, 1989, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.

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56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Anne Kaplan** will take place on Sunday August 13th, 1989, 10:OOa.m. at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Beth David Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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Coral World in Nassau Israeli concept

By
BILL GLADSTONE

NASSAU —

Coral World, which has become one of the most popular tourist attractions in the Bahamian capital since opening two years ago, is the product of Israeli expertise and knowhow.

Partners David Fridman and Morris Kahn opened the first Coral World on the banks of the Red Sea in Eilat, Israel, in 1975.

The idea, although simple, had never been tried before, and permitted people to view the spectacular underwater life around a living coral reef without getting wet.

By descending a tower built offshore and connected by bridge to the mainland, visitors were able to observe the exquisite marine life surrounding a living coral reef. Coupled with conventional seaquariums and other marine exhibits, the attraction proved a success.

In partnership with Michael Arnon of the Ampal American-Israel Corp., Fridman and Kahn built others on the U.S. Virgin Islands and most recently on Nassau, with another scheduled to open in Maui, Hawaii in 1991.

The general manager of Nassau's Coral World is Giora Israel, a 35-year-old sabra who was formerly the sales director for both Tel Aviv's Hilton and Grand Beach hotels.

Finding himself on the most populous island in a Commonwealth country of 700 islands, 200,000 people and almost no Jews, he has become an unofficial ambassador for Israel and the Jewish people as well as for the 16-acre tourist attraction.

"People don't know what Jews are here," he says. "There's a tremendous amount of misinformation. I remember my first Christmas here, they asked me to go to church, and I declined as politely as I could.

"They were amazed. They asked, 'What? You don't go to church?' Then came the key question, 'What? You don't believe in Jesus Christ?' They know what Moslems are but they thought that Jews believed in Christ, that they were just good Christians."

The misinformation unfortunately extends to the Jewish state, the happenings in which are too frequently compared to those in South Africa, Israel says. He has spoken to the Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary and other service clubs in an attempt to help dispel Israel's bad image generated by the media since the beginning of the Palestinian uprising.

"What I'm trying to establish," says Israel, "is that the situation is not as simple as it looks and that Israel, surrounded by hostile nations, is really in a terrible position.

"I always get a good reception. I know I'm working at a tremendous disadvantage, since I'm only one young guy working against a whole press that seems antagonistic. If only I can encourage people to question some of the things they see, I'm very happy."

Besides an underwater observatory, shark tank, flamingo enclosure, turtle pool and enclosed marine gardens aquarium, Nassau's Coral World features a set of 22 luxurious villas, each with a private pool, well-equipped kitchen and private waterfront balcony.

Israel says the rooms were designed so that guests could watch cruise ships passing from their beds.

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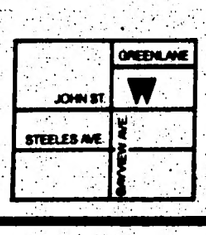

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